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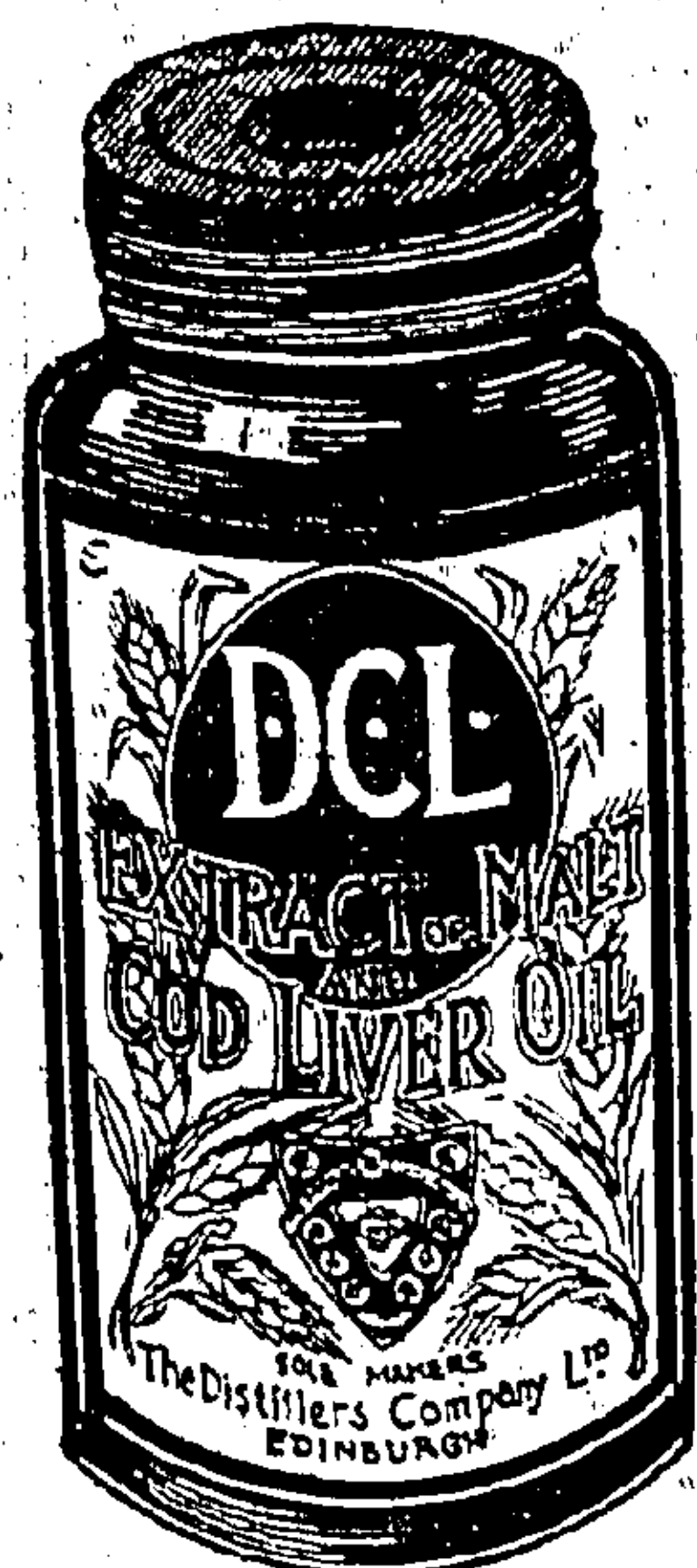
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COOLIE'S DEATH ON THE S.S. "TAIREA." IMPORTANT SUGGESTIONS BY THE CORONER.

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The Coroner's enquiry concerning the death of a coolie on board the S.S. *Tairea* on September 8th was continued at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. The enquiry which was first opened on October 3rd, was presided over by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, Lieut.-Comdr. Conway Hake, R.N.R., was present at yesterday's sitting of the Court and sat with the Coroner as Assessor.

It appears that the coolie descended into one of the holds to work cargo and when down below he collapsed and died. Yesterday afternoon evidence was given by the Chinese foreman in charge of the coolies, who said that the Chief Officer gave him instructions to open the hatch and to get to work. The foreman said he did not see anyone making a test as to purity by lowering a chicken into the hold.

This was all the evidence called yesterday and the Coroner remarked that there was a conflict of evidence between the Chief Officer and the foreman of the coolies regarding the testing of the purity of the air in the hold. There was also a conflict of evidence between the Captain and the Chief Officer. The Captain had said he told the Chief Officer to make the test and the Chief Officer had said he never received the order.

Mr. R. A. Wadson, solicitor for the British-India S.S. Co., explained that the Company was not obliged by any Regulation to make the test. They did it as an additional precautionary measure.

The Coroner: The whole point is that exactly the same accident occurred on the *Tairea*.

Mr. Wadson: Yes, your Worship, and for that reason the Company are now putting ventilators into the holds of these ships.

The Court then rose to consider its finding and on resuming his Worship said: I find that the deceased met his death by asphyxiation and that it was an accident for which no one was directly responsible.

There is no evidence as to whether the instructions in Calcutta of the Managing Agents were issued to the Master in writing or not, and in the absence of the ship this point cannot be cleared up. I am of opinion that all such orders, which refer to the general working of the ship (that is excluding private instructions to a Master), should be put in writing to the Master and should be circulated to the officers and crew who should sign them. The Court then considered the case of the *Tairea* the misunderstanding between the Chief Officer and the Master could not have occurred, nor could the Third Officer have been entirely ignorant of the precautions which the Company wished taken.

When the man was overcome I consider that all possible steps were promptly taken and that the Chief Officer and Third Officer showed great courage in attempting to rescue the man without waiting for smoke helmets.

The Assistant Harbour Concurred in the above verdict.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY CHARGE RICKSHA COOLIE'S TALE OF AN UNWELCOME "FARE."

Leung Hung Kwan, a carpenter, Au Hing, a boiler-maker, and Mak Kam, an ex-P.W.D. watchman, appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, charged with robbery with violence from a ricksha coolie on September 29th. All three admitted stealing.

The same men are awaiting trial on a charge of robbery with violence from Mrs. Deacon, of Broadwood Road. This case, however, will not be tried until Mrs. Deacon, who was admitted to hospital as a result of her experience, has recovered sufficiently to attend the Court.

At yesterday's hearing, the ricksha coolie, giving evidence, stated that at about 8.45 p.m. on September 29th he was engaged in Sampan Street by a man who told him to go to Kennedy Road. Witness did so, and in Kennedy Road the "fare" jumped out and seized him by the collar of his jacket from behind. At the same time, three men who had been squatting at the side of the road, came up, two being armed with daggers. They took from witness a leather purse with \$1.40 in 10-cent pieces in it, and a jadestone bangle valued at \$5, which was on his left wrist. All four then ran away westwards along Kennedy Road. It was dark at the spot, and witness could not see any of their faces clearly, nor could he identify any of them.

His Worship: Not even your "fare"?

No.

The first defendant denied that he had a dagger, while the third declared that he held up a cigarette-holder in the guise of a dagger, to frighten the complainant.

The men were remanded until Wednesday next, when it is hoped that Mrs. Deacon may be able to give evidence in the second charge.

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LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

The Hongkong Cricket Club teams for
to-morrow are as follows:—

On Club ground at 1.45 p.m. —

INTERPORT TRIAL.

A. E. Wood (capt.), A. W. Ramsay, F. E. Lawrence, S. H. Linnell, G. H. Piercy, F. H. Holdman, F. J. Ling, F. Goodwin, H. G. Wallington, Q. M. S. Jacob, A. C. I. Bowker, Ng Sie Kwong and R. E. A. Webster.
Col. Robertson (capt.), E. C. Fincher, T. E. Yock, A. L. Aronoff, J. D. McNicoll, Lt. Com. Jotham, B. D. Evans, F. L. Squibbs, Capt. Kent, G. R. Yallock, E. B. Reed, N. Bullhatch, U. Omar and H. Owen Hughes.

CLUB v. CHINESE.

At Causeway Bay at 3 p.m. — H. E. Holland, F. N. Young, C. Blaker, G. R. More, D. G. Nicholson, J. D. B. Crawford, W. W. Mackenzie, J. Finnie, A. K. Mackenzie, J. A. H. Plummer and W. J. Hope.

2ND ELEVEN v. CRAIGKNOWER.

At Happy Valley at 2 p.m. — G. W. Sewell, M. A. Watson, H. Spicer, B. Griffin, R. Macalpine, C. L. Oliphant, W. Lithgow Smith, C. Fitzroy Lloyd, D. B. Peat, D. McMaster and W. Brackenridge.

FOOTBALL.

The following have been selected to play for the Kowloon F.C. in their league engagements to-morrow:—

1ST DIVISION v. CLUB.

On the Kowloon Ground—Kick-off 4.30 p.m. — A. Duncan, F. Wheeler and T. L. Knight, A. W. Turner, J. McKelvie (capt.) and H. Wheeler, F. Gleno, B. Vickers, B. Pascoe, R. H. Nash and S. G. Hayes.

2ND DIVISION v. SOUTH CHINA "B."

On the Kowloon Ground—Kick-off 4.00 p.m. — J. Beach, B. Rasmussen and H. S. Fowler, A. W. Brown (capt.), W. H. Brown and S. Harte, V. East, W. L. Walker, A. Latham, J. McBride and W. Hillier. Reserves: G. White, A. Kirby and F. Ross.

HOCKEY.

The following will represent the H.K.C. 1st XI. to-day at 5 p.m. at the U.S.R.C. against the 2/4 Bombay Grenadiers:—P. W. F. Mills, C. L. R. Beecher, G. H. Piercy, Rev. E. W. L. Martin, A. S. Hett, E. L. Sim, D. H. F. McMaster, G. B. Hett, W. J. Woodward (captain), C. R. More, and B. D. Vans.

INTERPORT GOLF.

The Manila interport golf team arrived in Hongkong yesterday morning from Manila by the s.s. *President Jefferson*. team and was met at the wharf by Lt. Col. Matthews, Secretary of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club. They proceeded to Panling by the 1.18 p.m. train where they are to stay until after the interport match.

The interport match between Hongkong and Manila will take place on Saturday and Sunday next. The visitors will spend to-day in practising.

The Manila team consists of Mr. G. M. Ivory, Mr. J. R. H. Mason, Mr. E. F. Few, Mr. W. J. Jamieson, Lieut. Geo. W. Read, jr., Lt. A. W. Vanaman and Col. J. B. Nichols, Ivory, who is the Hon. Secretary of the Manila Club.

The team is accompanied by the President of the Golf Club, Mr. R. W. Spofford.

SENSATION IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES.

REMARKABLE ALLEGATIONS.

A London message to Indian papers dated September 30th says:—

Allegations of an extraordinary nature regarding events at the British Embassy, Rio de Janeiro, will shortly be investigated by a Departmental Committee of the Foreign Office, Lord Blanesburgh Presiding.

It is alleged that Mr. Walter Annesley Stewart, Counsellor of the Embassy, was taken during the night from his residence by Brazilian Consular officials and placed in a lunatic asylum. After examination by mental experts, he was pronounced sane but was deported and is now en route to London.

Sir John Tilley, British Ambassador, is now coming to England in order to attend the inquiry.

Brazilian newspaper reports suggest that there has been friction between the Ambassador and Mr. Stewart, the former making certain representations to the Brazilian Office. The whole story is given prominence in the newspapers and has caused a sensation in diplomatic circles.

Sir John Tilley has been British Ambassador in Brazil since 1920.

WEATHER REPORT.

October 16th at 17.46—Pressure has decreased considerably over N. Japan and increased considerably at Shanghai; it has increased moderately at Obefoo and slightly elsewhere.

The anticyclone over N. China has strengthened and the depression is now situated over Hokkaido.

Moderate to fresh N.E. monsoon may be expected to set in along the coast during the next twenty-four hours.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, Oct. 16th 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 97.70 inches, against an average of 79.57 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, Oct. 17th is as follows:—

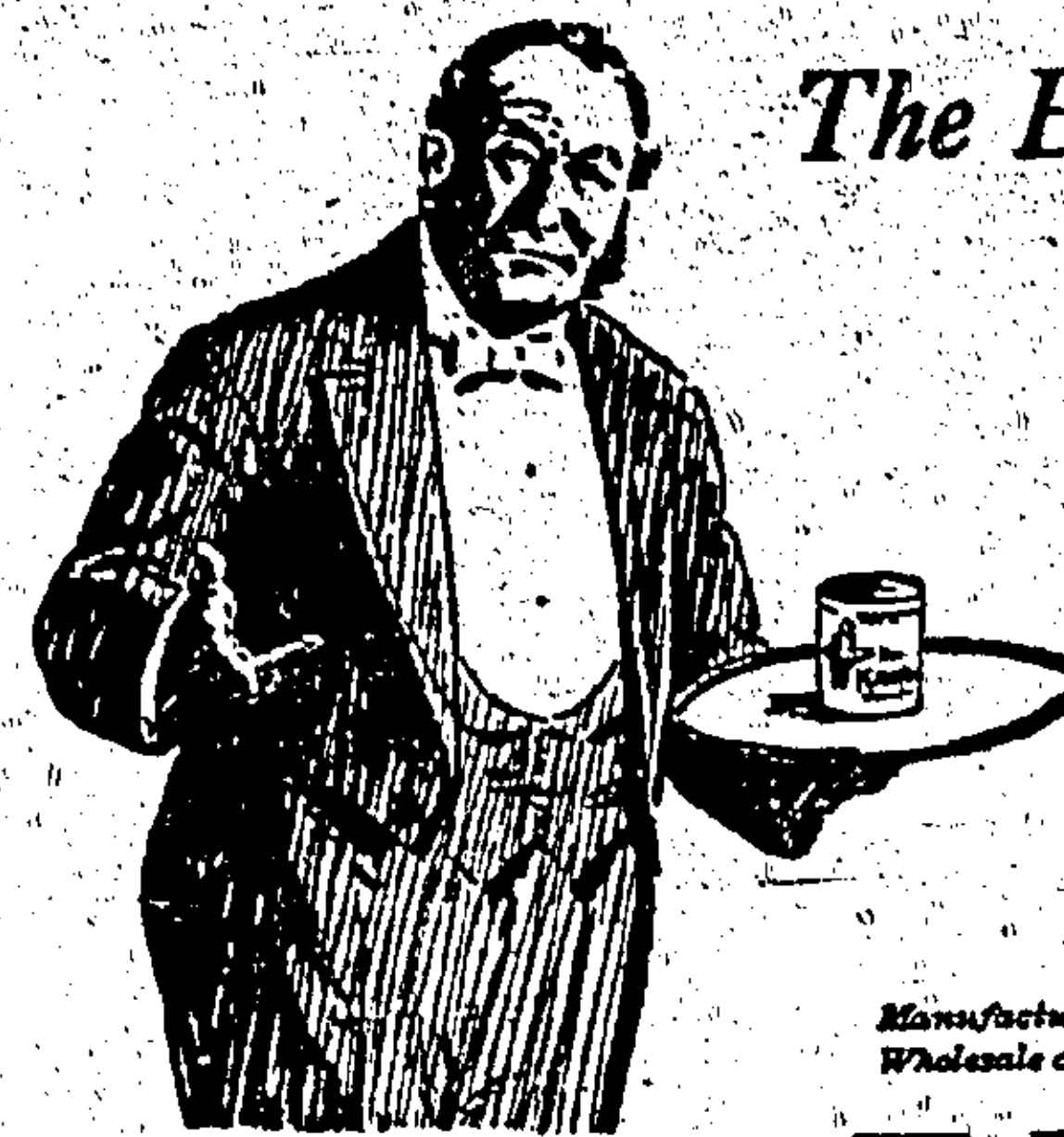
District Forecast
Formosa Channel N.E. winds, fresh to strong.

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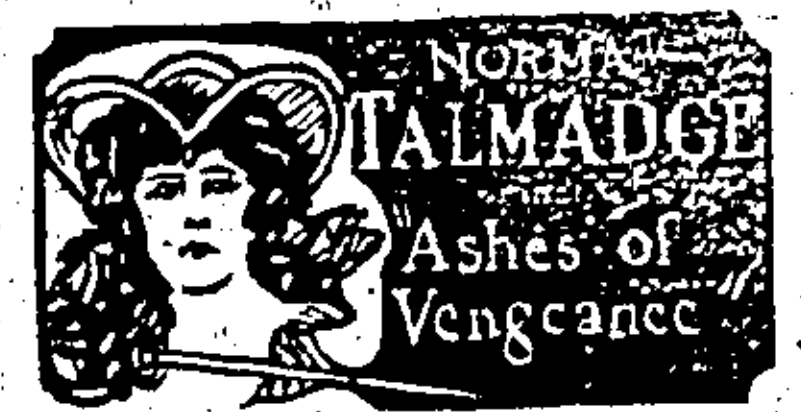
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Hongkong Observatory, October 16th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	29.86	29.93	29.91
Temperature	84	76	85
Humidity	67	91	66
Wind Direction	S	Calm	East
Force	3	0	2
Weather	C	B.M.	B
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature on 16th ... 83
Lowest open-air Temperature on 16th ... 76

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From Oct. 17th to 23rd, 1924.

Days of Week.	Days of Month.	HIGH WATER.		LOW WATER.	
		H'kong Standard Time.	Height.	H'kong Standard Time.	Height.
Fri.	17	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		0 25	6 2	6 8	2 6
Satur.	18	11 27	7 1	5 8	4 2
		1 20	4 9	6 50	2 7
				6 15	4 4
Sun.	19	m. 0 3	7 0	m. 7 53	2 9
		No inferior	High	nor Low	Water.
Mon.	20	m. 0 46	6 8	m. 9 4	3 0
		No inferior	High	nor Low	Water.
Tues.	21	m. 1 40	6 6	m. 10 19	3 0
		No inferior	High	nor Low	Water.
Wed.	22	m. 2 48	6 4	m. 11 22	2 8
		7 14	6 3	10 19	5 1
Thur.	23	m. 4 22	6 4	0 10	2 7
		7 11	6 5	11 50	4 7

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BUDGETTING FOR A DEFICIT OF \$1 MILLION DOLLARS.

VIEWS ON METHODS OF FINANCING FUTURE HEAVY UNDERTAKINGS.

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber yesterday. Present: His Excellency the Governor (Sir R. E. Strachan, K.C.M.G.). The Officer Commanding the Troops (Major-General Sir John Fowles, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.). The Colonial Secretary (Hon. Sir Cecil SEVERN, K.B.E., C.M.G.). The Attorney-General (Hon. Mr. J. H. KEMP, K.C., C.B.E.). The Colonial Treasurer (Hon. Mr. D. W. TRAVERS). Hon. Mr. H. T. CREASY (Director of Public Works). Hon. Mr. A. E. WOOD (Secretary for Chinese Affairs). Hon. Mr. E. D. C. WOLF (Captain Superintendent of Police). Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK. Hon. Mr. H. W. BIRD. Hon. Mr. CHOW SOU SOX. Hon. Mr. R. H. KOTTEWALL. Hon. Mr. C. MONTAGUE EDM. Hon. Mr. C. G. ALABASTER, K.O., O.B.E.

Mr. S. B. B. McELDERRY (Clerk of Council).

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

PAPERS.

The Colonial Secretary: By command of H.E. the Governor I lay upon the table papers numbered 1 to 10 which are in the hands of honourable members, and also draw attention to Nos. 8, being the quarterly return of estimates on sub-heads met by savings under heads of expenditure, and to the abstract, No. 9, showing the difference between the approved estimates of expenditure for 1924 and the estimates of expenditure for 1923.

The papers included the Report of the Director of Public Works for the year 1923.

FINANCE.

The Colonial Secretary: By command of H.E. the Governor I lay upon the table Finance Minutes 8 to 10 and move that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded and the motion was agreed to.

The Colonial Secretary, by command of H.E. the Governor, laid on the table the report of the proceedings of the Finance Committee (No. 9) and moved that it be adopted.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded, and the proposal was agreed to.

FLAGS ON THE CENOTAPH.

The Hon. Mr. H. W. BIRD asked the following question:

Will the Government take the necessary steps to ensure that the flags are in position on the Cenotaph at all times except during typhoon weather?

The Colonial Secretary replied: This can probably be arranged for if it is the general desire, but as at present advised, the Government inclines to the view that it would be better to adhere to the present practice of placing the flags in position only on special occasions. Unless renewed at very short intervals the flags are likely to become shabby and unsightly as a result of continuous exposure to the weather.

Hon. Mr. BIRD: Sir, arising out of the answer, I think a Cenotaph without flags is not a Cenotaph at all. I think I am correct in saying that flags are always on the Cenotaph in London.

H.E. the Governor: I am not quite sure as to the facts, but I believe they started by having flags placed in position and then there was a period during which they were removed. I should be obliged if the hon. member will discuss the matter with the Director of Public Works.

THE BUDGET.

The Colonial Secretary moved the first reading of a Bill intituled an Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding \$25,278,131 to the Public Service of the year 1924.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded. The expenditure is specified in the Bill as follows:—

Governor	94,082
Cadet Service	325,843
Colonial Secretary's Department and Legislature	67,523
Colonial Secretary's Department and Legislature, Special Expenditure	450
Secretariat for Chinese Affairs	30,339
Audit Department	51,671
Treasury	76,542
Harbour Master's Department	491,922
Special Expenditure	714,750
Imports and Exports, Department	1,021,193
Imports and Exports, Department, Special Expenditure	30,250
Royal Observatory	42,401
Royal Observatory, Special Expenditure	8,000
Miscellaneous Services	704,879
Judicial and Legal Departments	322,348
Police Force	1,787,637
Police Force, Special Expenditure	181,800
Fire Brigade	183,411
Fire Brigade, Special Expenditure	91,300

Prisons Department	431,071
Prisons Department, Special Expenditure	1,300
Medical Department	277,108
Medical Department, Special Expenditure	138,100
Sanitary Department	93,030
Sanitary Department, Special Expenditure	92,991
Botanical and Forestry Department	11,000
Botanical and Forestry Department, Special Expenditure	989,374
Education Department	158,500
Education Department, Special Expenditure	40,235
Volunteer Defence Corps	10,350
Volunteer Defence Corps, Special Expenditure	1,490,959
Public Works Department	85,000
Public Works Department, Special Expenditure	1,330,450
Public Works, Recurrent	9,137,290
Port Development Department	121,376
Port Development Department, Special Expenditure	3,500
Port Works, Extraordinary	1,412,000
Post Office	383,131
Kowloon-Canton Railway	590,423
Kowloon-Canton Railway, Special Expenditure	518,160
Pensions	560,290
Charitable Services	168,353
Total	\$25,278,131

THE GOVERNOR'S REVIEW.

H.E. the Governor said: Honourable members of the Legislative Council. In introducing the Budget last year I stated that the Expenditure for 1923 was expected to amount to \$21,579,550. This proved to be a very close estimate as the expenditure actually brought to account was only \$7,500 less. Revenue was at the same time estimated to reach the total of \$22,932,474 but a sum of \$24,781,762 was actually received, the excess being due mainly to the high prices received from land sale and to the receipts from the Opium Monopoly being higher than the estimate. Revenue exceeded expenditure by just over three million dollars and the balance of assets over liabilities on the 31st December, 1923, was therefore increased to nearly sixteen million dollars.

Revenue for 1924 is expected to exceed the estimate made last year by about two and a half million dollars owing to the operation of the same causes as in the previous year. As I pointed out last year the estimate of opium revenue was purposely placed at a low figure in the hope—unfortunately still unrealized—that conditions in China would improve to such an extent as to admit of steps being taken to suppress the growth of opium, and thus to make it possible for us to introduce measures for the reduction of consumption without their being justified by an increase in illicit importation.

Expenditure is expected to exceed our estimate by one million two hundred thousand dollars. The excess is due mainly to the fact that the amount provided for Public Works, Extraordinary will in all probability be exceeded for the first time since 1917 and to the heavy initial payments for the construction of Typhoon Moorings, Patrol Launches and the Rescue Tug for the Harbour Department having to be made this year.

Expenditure during the remaining months of this year is expected to be very high and if these expectations are correct the balance of assets over liabilities, which reached the high level of \$18,193,520 at the end of June, will probably be reduced to about \$14,000,000 by the end of the year. I will refer at a later stage to the general financial position.

The specific sums which we expect to receive under each sub-head of revenue are shown on pages 6 to 12 of the estimates before you. The estimates which amount to a total of \$21,812,700 have again been made on a conservative basis, being some five, less only above the estimate for this year, which, as I have said, will be greatly exceeded. We have again thought it right to act on the assumption that during the coming year, possibly as a result of the discussion, which are about to take place at Geneva, some means will be found of reducing the consumption of opium, which will not merely involve the substitution of smuggled Chinese opium for the product prepared by Government. The estimated revenue from opium has therefore again been placed at \$3 million dollars. The principal increases anticipated are under the heads of Light Dues, Stamp Duties, Tobacco Duties and Postage. Land Sales are expected to yield a much lower sum in 1924 than in the last few years, as there have lately been clear indications that the land-boom is now over, at any rate temporarily. Considered solely from the point of view of Revenue the end of the period of high prices at land sales is a matter for regret but personally, I feel that it is better for the community that prices should revert to a level which will enable an adequate return to be obtained from capital invested in land and that the speculative element, which has been so prominent of late, should cease to bulk so largely in these transactions.

THE EXPENDITURE ESTIMATE.

The expenditure for next year is estimated to amount to \$25,278,131 being an increase of \$5,588,941 over the original estimate for this year and \$4,343,739 over the revised estimate. The increases and decreases under each department are shown in the Sessional Paper which has been laid on the table. The rate of exchange adopted for these estimates is 2s. 6d. as against 2s. 2d. in respect of the current year and the dollar equivalent of all sterling payments has therefore decreased slightly except as regards salaries which are payable at a fixed exchange.

THE EVER-GROWING VOLUME OF SHIPPING.

The votes for the Harbour Master's Department have been increased by nearly two lacs. The increase is necessitated by the ever-growing volume of shipping frequenting this port, while recent events have made it necessary to incur new and special expenditure amounting to over \$700,000. Two additional marine surveyors have become necessary, two new clerks have been added, and by the courtesy of the Crown Agents for the Colonies an experienced officer assistant and accountant has been seconded for two years to supervise the accounts in this large department and to institute a proper system of filing the voluminous records dealing with shipping in all its aspects.

The votes for recurrent charges have been increased by about \$140,000 mainly owing to the transfer of the whole Police Fleet to the Harbour Master for the purpose of supervision, repairs and fuelling. A corresponding reduction is made in the Police votes. Under Special Expenditure provision is made for the completion of the Typhoon Moorings in the Harbour which were approved after the typhoons last year, for the construction of a Rescue Tug and for the construction and upkeep of the Patrol Launches for anti-piracy work.

NORMAL EXPANSION IN IMPORTS AND EXPORTS DEPARTMENT.

Increases in the Imports and Exports Department are due partly to normal expansion, one additional Revenue Office being necessary for the supervision of distilleries, etc., in the New Territories, and partly to the increased cost of materials connected with the manufacture of opium. A sum of \$30,250 appears under Special Expenditure to cover the final instalments and initial outfit of a new sea-going launch, the construction of which has been approved and is now proceeding.

THE ROYAL OBSERVATORY.

Under "The Royal Observatory" provision is made for the purchase of new magnetic instruments. The continuous encroachment of buildings in recent years has rendered the position of the Observatory unsuitable for magnetic observations. The question was referred to the authorities at the Meteorological Office, London, and to the Admiralty who replied that it was highly desirable not only for scientific reasons but also in connection with the preparation of Admiralty charts, showing errors of compasses, that this part of the work of the Observatory should continue and should be supplemented by additional recording instruments. The Director is now looking for a suitable site removed from all disturbing influences where these instruments can be placed.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.

Miscellaneous Services show a reduction this year. No vote has been entered for the British Empire Exhibition. The question whether the Exhibition will be continued next year is apparently still unsettled. If it should be decided to continue it, it will be necessary to consider whether Hongkong should again take part in it. The point is one on which two views are possible and I do not wish to commit this Government to any opinion until the Council has had full opportunity of considering the matter. Additional grants have been provided of \$100 to the British Empire Leprosy Association, of \$1,500 to the Hek Hoi Library which is hoped will become a centre of Chinese learning in this Colony, and of \$5,000 to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. This last vote represents a maximum sum and will not necessarily be expended in full. The arrangement which has been made with the Society is that the Government will contribute two dollars for every dollar which the Society receives in annual subscriptions and donations, up to a maximum of \$5,000. The Society, which has done excellent work and has now added to its responsibilities by taking charge of the new Dogs' Home in Kowloon, is in the opinion of the Government thoroughly deserving of public support.

The annual vote for furniture for Government Offices and quarters, which was in the past included in Public Works, Extraordinary has been transferred to this head.

The vote for Rent Allowances has been increased considerably to cover first the Senior Staff who are granted rented quarters or rent allowances in lieu thereof under certain conditions; secondly, the Subordinate European Staff who have free quarters or a rent allowance where quarters are not available; and, thirdly, the Asiatic Officers of 10 years' service who have recently been granted these allowances.

The cost of transport of Government Servants has previously been underestimated and the vote has therefore been increased.

JUDICIAL AND LEGAL DEPARTMENT.

In the Judicial and Legal Department increased provision has been made, after consultation with the Foreign Office, to cover the cost of the Registry of Companies in Shanghai. The opening of a Second Magistracy in Kowloon has necessitated an increase of staff which has already resulted in a more speedy despatch of business. The saving of time and expense to the Police will more than cover the extra charges.

POLICE AND FIRE BRIGADE.

The Police Force continues to expand with the growth of the Colony and on account of the very unsettled conditions in the neighbouring parts of China. Two additional Assistant Superintendents have been appointed. One of these appointments arises from the normal promotion of a Probationer and the other officer is required to take charge of the large force of guards on short and for anti-piracy work afloat. Some additional clerical assistance has become necessary and in order that the large armory belonging to the force may be properly cared for it is proposed to appoint a fully qualified European Armourer.

The European Force has been increased by ten, and the Indian Force of sixty; the Cantonese Contingent has been fixed at 515 and the Weihaiwei at 370, being an increase over this year's figures of 140 men. Under "Water Police" provision has been made for the crew of an additional launch. Other Charges show a reduction on account of the transfer of votes to the Harbour Department, the only important increases being due to the rent of premises taken over for married quarters for Indian Police. Special Expenditure is large on account of the necessity of obtaining a new cruising launch to replace No. 4 Launch which was originally used in connection with the construction of the Railway and has been in constant use in Mirs Bay since 1910.

Provision is also made for a new motor van, additional rifles and bayonets, and component parts for repairs, and an armourer's chest. A weighbridge for motor vehicles has become necessary as the licence fees payable are assessed by weight.

Provision has been made in the Fire Brigade for a small increase in staff and additional machines. It is proposed to purchase a new motor pump with first aid appliances and carrying a forty foot extension ladder to replace the present tender at Mongkok, a trailer motor pump to replace an old hand drawn steam engine at Shaukiwan, a small motor, car to enable the Superintendent to carry out adequately his daily work of inspection and supervision and a Bayley fire escape to replace one condemned as unfit for further service. Provision has also been made for Fire Alarms and Lateral Fire Hydrants which it is proposed to erect next year.

THE PRISON DEPARTMENT.

Expansion in the Prisons Department has become a matter of urgency. The population of the Gaol continues to increase and it has been found necessary pending the erection of the new gaol at Ngau Shi Wan, to provide further temporary accommodation at Lai Chi Kok.

The duties and responsibilities of the Superintendent have increased greatly and it is proposed therefore to appoint an Assistant Superintendent who will help generally in administration and will be able to take charge during the absence of the Superintendent. It is also necessary to increase the numbers of the European Prison Officers; one new Assistant Chief Warder being appointed, an additional Principal Warder and nine warders. Increases in Other Charges are due to increase cost of materials and to the larger number of prisoners to be fed and clothed.

When addressing the Council last year on the Estimates for the Medical Department I dwelt at some length on the increase of the staff and again this year I have to report a further increase. Provision is made for two additional European Medical Officers, one of whom will have qualifications in bacteriology which will enable him to afford any necessary assistance to the Government Bacteriologist and to act for him in the event of his absence. The other will supervise Chinese hospitals and dispensaries.

It is also intended to appoint a Medical Officer to examine the pupils in all Government schools and schools which come under the Education Ordinance. The officers of the Medical Department have already done much good work in this direction in Government schools but it is considered that the time has now come when the services of a full-time officer should be available. The reconditioning of the old building at the Victoria Hospital is expected to be completed by about September next year and as the new building will then be devoted to maternity cases provision has been made for the necessary staff for three months. The Kowloon Hospital is expected to be ready about July and part provision has, therefore, been made for the staff which will be supplied by the Maryknoll Mission of New York.

Considerable increases have been made in the various votes in Other Charges on account of the increased number of patients in the various hospitals and to cover the running expenses of the hospitals shortly to be opened.

A third Health Officer of the Port has become necessary not only on account of increased shipping but also in connection with the Quarantine Station which it is hoped may be in operation next year. Under Special Expenditure provision is made for a motor launch for the use of the Health Officers.

The cost of equipment of the new hospitals is estimated at \$129,000 and sums have also been inserted for pharmaceutical apparatus and sterilizing plant to increase the efficiency of the equipment of the Government Civil Hospital.

THE SANITARY DEPARTMENT.

Expansion is also taking place in the duties of the Sanitary Department and some addition to the staff is necessary. A new post of Assistant Colonial Veterinary Surgeon has been inserted in order to cope with the increasing amount of work in connection with the Colony's fresh meat supply and three additional Sanitary Inspectors are required for new Health Districts in Hongkong and Kowloon. Twenty-six extra scavenging coolies, 17 barmen and a few other minor appointments are necessary.

The use of motor lorries for refuse removal has proved a success and the purchase of five more is contemplated.

BOTANICAL AND FORESTRY DEPARTMENT.

A few small increases are made in the Botanical and Forestry Department including a larger provision for forestry both in Hongkong and New Territories while under Special Expenditure a sum of \$10,000 is inserted for the formation of a Forestry Reserve in the Water Works Catchment Area at Taipei. The area formerly consisted of padi fields which had to be resumed to prevent fouling of the water supply and it is eminently suitable for growing of timber. It is hoped that in time the Government may be able to obtain from this plantation a supply of firewood which will be most useful in case of emergency.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.

The estimates for the Education Department provide for three more Junior Masters.

Reorganisation is taking place in the Normal Schools for Men and for Women and the necessary staff has been provided. Together with a sum under Special Expenditure for initial equipment. A larger sum is required for grants owing to the increasing number of pupils attending the various schools.

VOLUNTARY DEFENCE CORPS.

Stems have been inserted, on the advice of the General Officer Commanding, in the Estimates of the Volunteer Defence Corps for larger grants to the Mounted Infantry Section and for the purchase and upkeep of an Armoured Car. I note with satisfaction that there has recently been a marked increase in the interest taken in this Corps, which has not yet reached the strength which would naturally be expected in a community of this size. I am glad to learn that during the last twelve months of its numbers have increased from about 270 to 430 men. The increase is mainly, I understand, in the Scottish and Mounted Companies, the Commanding Officers of which are, as is Colonel Bird, has attended their efforts to increase the numbers and the efficiency of their commands. As a result of these increases it is necessary to provide for additional uniforms, rifles and bayonets.

PORT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

An important change during the current year in connection with Public Works has been the creation of a Port Development Department which will relieve the Director of Public Works of some part of the heavy work of his department. It is proposed to place under the head of this department, who has been given the title of Port Engineer, the supervision of all construction work within the Harbour limits such as docks, wharves and reclamations, though for the present certain construction work on reclamations and maintenance work in connection with existing sea walls and piers and the dredging of foreshores, will continue to be done by the Public Works Department. The chief work on which the Port Engineer is now engaged is that of preparing a general scheme of development and when that has been completed it will be possible to take a wide survey of the future needs of the Port and of the means by which the approved works can be carried into effect. There will be many difficult problems to solve, but with the actual launching of the new department it only remains for experience to show how they can best be dealt with. I think that Honourable Members will agree with me that we are fortunate in having so good an officer as Mr. John Duncanson available to take charge of this important department.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

It will also be observed that changes have been made in the Public Works Department tending to throw greater responsibility on the heads of the sub-departments and thus to relieve the Director of Public Works of much detail work, so that he may be able to devote more time to matters of primary importance. The Water Engineer and the Drainage Engineer have many years of important and responsible work before them, while the other sub-departments such as those in charge of Roads and General Works have been somewhat reorganised. The maximum salaries generally of Engineers have been increased, but the reorganisation is not yet complete so far as the Architectural Office and the Survey Department are concerned.

These changes and the recruitment of a considerable number of new men to cope with the extensive programme of works which lies before us have resulted in a very large increase in personal emoluments which have risen by no less a sum than \$200,000, while a further sum of \$100,000 is required to cover the salaries and allowances of the officers in the new Port Development Department. The additions to staff consist of thirteen additional engineers, five for the Architectural Office, four for the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance Office, one each for Drainage, Waterworks, Wireless and General Works; four Senior Works Inspectors and sixteen additional overseers, two Material Inspectors, a Store Supervisor and Pay Clerk, and additional clerical assistance in the lower grades. Five more European Wireless Operators are also required, six local officers and twelve apprentices. Six more Land Surveyors are necessary and two additional Land Bailiffs. In view of what was said in this Council during the debate on the estimates for this year and on other occasions I have no doubt that Honourable members will readily approve these increases which are unavoidable if we are to continue the policy of developing the Colony as rapidly as our resources will allow.

These increases in staff involve corresponding increases in the votes under other charges.

The large increase in recent years in the number of Government buildings, in the mileage of roads and in the cost of materials and labour account for the extra sums asked for under Public Works Recurrent.

The amount provided for Public Works Extraordinary is \$6,157,200, a much larger sum than in any former year, and as in the current year, a considerable amount of revision and re-allocation of funds between various items may be found necessary as the year proceeds. Even with the increased staff of the department it is most unlikely that the total estimate will be exceeded, and it is perhaps more likely than not that it will not be reached, but in order to be on the safe side I have thought it desirable to provide the maximum sum which I think that it will be possible to spend in all circumstances are favourable. There are not many new items, but the estimated cost of some of the works begun this year has been revised.

Item 1. Officers' Quarters. Eight Senior Officers' Quarters at Wong Nei Chong are approaching completion and six quarters for subordinate officers close to them will probably be begun before the end of this year. It is also proposed to build some houses of moderate size on sites along Harlech Road. Plans will be laid before Honourable Members in due course. In connection with the subject of the provision of quarters in Hongkong I would mention that the Government has recently purchased the property known as Queen's Gardens, which will eventually be developed so as to provide for the accommodation of a considerable number of officers.

With regard to Item 11 I may remark that it is intended to build a larger market on a new site at Saiyingshan. Later on the site of the present market will be sold. The item has been inserted in the estimates for next year as it is hoped to begin construction, but no plans or estimate of the cost have yet been prepared.

The sum of \$30,000 provided under Item 13 for the new Infectious Diseases Hospital may be exceeded as it is desirable to press on with this work, but the site decision on though excellent as regards position, is not an easy one to develop, and before the plans are finally settled they will have to be considered by the Government in conjunction with the authorities of the Tung Wa Hospital.

The amount required under Item 14 has been increased considerably in order to make adequate provision for the requirements of the Post Office.

Under Item 22 a sum of \$35,000 is provided to complete the building of temporary barracks for police on Hospital Road. It is probable that these buildings will be required for about five years. They will house about 120 Indian and Chinese Police, being members of the force displaced during the rebuilding of Police Station No. 8 and others who require accommodation due to a general increase of the force in Victoria.

Under the heading Communications a sum of \$30,000 is provided for making a narrow road for one way motor traffic to Cape d'Aguilar, which is much needed. The road will be widened in places for the convenience of passing cars, but as it will be used almost entirely for official purposes it is not considered necessary to go to the expense of making a wide road the whole way.

Items (u), (v), (x) and (aa) all refer to improvements of the Shaukiwan Road, the construction of the access road to Quarry Bay Island Lot 14 being part of the arrangement made with Messrs. Butterfield and Swire in connection with the removal of a number of their Chinese tenements to the new reclamation.

Under Item 36 a sum of \$67,700 is provided for laying an underground cable to Cape d'Aguilar, in place of the temporary line on wooden posts which cannot be properly supervised and maintained.

Under Item 53 a sum of \$100,000 is provided for the conversion of Bowen Road Filter Beds from a slow sand filter to a rapid filtering system. This matter has already been referred to in Council. The effect of this large expenditure will be to provide a much larger amount of filtered water than is possible at present at a convenient place.

Item 54 will provide for the distribution of water to a large number of houses at a high level.

In Kowloon under buildings I would draw the attention of Honourable Members to the following. Item 63 has been entered and a nominal sum provided. It is proposed to erect some quarters of moderate size to the North of King's Park, but it is doubtful whether it will be possible to begin the work much before the end of next year.

The increase in the police force generally in the Kowloon Peninsula requires the provision of the quarters referred to in Items 70, 72, 73 and 75.

Under Items 61 and 74 provision is made for housing scavenging coolies and the policy adopted in Hongkong of providing such quarters at convenient centres will be followed in Kowloon generally.

The store for Government materials (Item 78) is an urgent necessity. It is hoped that it will eventually form the nucleus of a Government Central Store Department, the desirability of which is becoming increasingly obvious.

Item 77 makes provision for beginning the erection of quarters for members of the Clerical Service. The Committee appointed by me consisting of the Colonial Secretary the Hon. Mr. B. H. Kowall and Mr. E. W. Carpenter recommended the construction of fifty-four quarters with shops on the ground floor in Nathan Road, nearly opposite Gascoigne Road, and of 125 quarters close to Waterloo Road on an excellent site near Yaumatei Station. The quarters will be roomy with good kitchens and offices and will be at a convenient distance from the future ferry terminus in Jordan Road. It is proposed that these buildings should be constructed by a private firm of architects. The total cost will probably exceed a million and a half dollars but no exact estimate has yet been made.

Under communications large sums are provided for constructing roads, and for improving existing roads. In this connection I should like to refer to the work of a Committee which I appointed in June last to consider the question of communications in Kowloon. The members of the Committee were:—

Mr. E. W. Carpenter, Public Works Department, Chairman.
Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.E., Deputy Superintendent of Police.
Mr. H. H. Pegg, Public Works Department.
Mr. B. Wyllie, Chairman of the Kowloon Residents' Association.
Mr. M. Alves, Member of the Kowloon Residents' Association.
Mr. B. W. Tape, Kowloon City.

The Committee reported on the 2nd September, and their report is now under consideration. In the opinion of the Government the report is a very excellent piece of work, and the ability and thoroughness with which the Committee carried out the task entrusted to them will I am sure be appreciated as fully by the community in Kowloon as it is by myself. The Chairman informs me that the work of the Committee was materially assisted by the data supplied by the representatives of the Kowloon Residents' Association of whose co-operation in this and other matters I should wish to express my keen appreciation.

Under "Drainage" large sums are required, and Kowloon drainage problems are so closely connected with the provision for drainage in the "New Territories" which really means New Kowloon adjoining, that they can be conveniently considered together. The heavy expenditure is due to the size of the trained nullahs required for carrying storm water to the sea through the large area of filled in ground, which has been formed by cutting down the foot-hills. This work and the provision of sewers throughout the peninsula will occupy the Drainage Sub-department for years to come.

Under the head "Miscellaneous" a sum of \$30,000 is provided for continuing the scheme of laying underground cables from Mongkok to Lai Chi Kok and from Mongkok to Kowloon City and the New Gaoi on the Kai Tak Reclamation.

Under "Water Works" new filter beds are required to cope with the increased consumption of water.

In the "New Territories" the principal works are as follows:—

Item 97. New Gaoi and Police Training School.—A contract has been let for the piling of the site and it may be possible to begin building before the end of next year. The long delay that has occurred in beginning this work is much to be regretted. It has been due principally to the necessity of giving careful and detailed consideration to alternative proposals for the design and lay-out in order to meet the requirements of the departments concerned and to fit the site available. The position finally settled on provides for a hundred foot road on the sea in front of the outer wall while the land, at the back consists of hills, which it will, I hope, be possible to cut down gradually by the use of prison labour. Prisoners will thus be provided with useful work for a considerable time to come and the levelled area will provide for the further expansion of the Gaoi which will no doubt become necessary if the population continues to increase at its present rate. The Police Training School will occupy about twelve acres of the Kai Tak Reclamation on the west side of the Gaoi.

Item 101.—It has been impossible to make a start with the New Lunatic Asylum as the site selected near Lai Chi Kok has been found very expensive to develop, and it may be necessary to look for a new site.

I referred in my remarks on the Observatory to the necessity of finding a more suitable site for the magnetic instruments and under Item 110 a sum of \$14,000 is provided for huts for the instruments.

The rapid growth of the New Kowloon City on the reclamation makes it necessary to have a resident Sanitary Inspector and provision is made under Item 112 for his quarters.

Under "Communications" the following new works should be noticed:—

(1.) This path is required for the proper patrolling of the frontier to the East of the railway.

(2.) The road from Taipei Market to Sheung Wan is expected to encourage much building development. On the short portion already constructed many applications for land have been received.

(3.) In addition to the widening of the smaller bridges, it is proposed to widen the long bridges at Au Tau and Kum Tsin.

(m.) The Taipei Road between the 5th and 9th Mile, that is between the reservoir and Shatin, is being straightened in places under Item (c) and it is considered desirable now to macadamize it to meet the needs of the increasing wheeled traffic.

(n.) Refers to the road from Fanling to Sheung Shui and thence to the railway.

Under "Miscellaneous" there are two new works. Item 121 is a proposal to fill in the low-lying land to the South-West of Kowloon City which will shortly be required for building. Item 122 provides for placing the telephone lines between Kowloon and Fanling, under ground in order to save the heavy cost of upkeep.

Under "Water Works" provision is made for continuing the work of extending the Kowloon catchwater and of building the Shek Lai Pui reservoir. A start is to be made with the construction of the Shing Mun Valley Scheme, but the amounts entered under the various items cannot be regarded as anything but tentative estimates. A contract has been let for the construction of the tunnels and conduit.

THE POST OFFICE.

A slight re-arrangement of duties has been made in the Post Office, two Assistant Superintendents, one in the Parcel Branch and one in the Registration Branch, have taken the place of the former Superintendent of Registration and Parcels, and small increase in staff has been required to cope with growing postal business.

THE RAILWAY.

The Railway Estimates are this year presented in a new form, with various new sub-heads which require some explanation. Honourable Members will recall that, at the suggestion of the late Mr. A. R. Lowe, the Government agreed that, for statistical purposes and because we hope some day to be linked up with the main body of Chinese Railways, the Railway accounts should be kept in the same form as that prescribed by the Ministry of Communications in China. The accounts are now being recast in this new form and while it is not essential that the Estimates should appear in the same form it was considered desirable for ease in accounting to remodel them also. The letters and numbers at the beginning of each section are those of the classification of operating expenses now in force in the Railways of China. The running expenses of the Railway have been kept as low as is consistent with keeping the track and equipment in thoroughly good order. It will be noticed that provision has been made for the Fan Ling Branch Line for 3 months only as it is expected that this line will then be replaced by the motor road now under construction.

Special Expenditure on the Railway has also been reduced as far as possible. The main item is for 6 new carriages which are required and will prove most useful when through communication is once more established. To accommodate these carriages a further extension of the Carriage Sheds is necessary and it is considered advisable to extend the platform awnings at Kowloon which at present are only sufficient to cover three coaches. Surfacing of platforms at Outstations is also provided for.

The stoppage of through traffic during the greater part of the year has had a disastrous effect on the revenue of the line. We can only hope that conditions will improve so as to admit of the resumption of through traffic next year. Until this happens, it is impossible for the line to pay its way.

FINANCIAL POSITION AS A WHOLE.

To revert now to the financial position as a whole, I feel that I am placing a great strain on the patience of Honourable Members but, as it is very possible that this will be the last budget that I shall have the pleasure of placing before this Council I would ask their indulgence while I offer some observations on the financial situation and financial policy as affecting the near future and not only the coming year.

As I indicated at the beginning of this address it is estimated that the year 1924 will close with a deficit of approximately two million dollars and we have budgeted for a deficit of something over \$1 million dollars.

If these forecasts prove correct it is clear that at the end of 1925 we shall have reduced our balances very materially and it will be necessary to give careful consideration to the methods by which future works are to be financed. My own view is that it would not be prudent to reduce our balances much below five million dollars for any long period, as it is very desirable that we should be, in a position to meet at once unexpected calls or unforeseen troubles without dislocation of our finances. At the same time I do not think that there is any necessity for trying to maintain them permanently at a higher figure.

I may say here that personally I shall be somewhat surprised if the deficit on the working of the year 1924 reaches the high figure suggested, as I am inclined to think that the Public Works Department has taken an over optimistic view of the amount of work which it will be able to do before the end of the year, unless climate and other conditions prove to be exceptionally favourable, but we must, of course, provide for the maximum expenditure which is possible in any circumstances.

Similarly, the estimates for next year are based on the sound principle of including the lowest probable returns in the case of revenue and the highest figure of expenditure which can reasonably be expected to be reached. Here again I should be surprised if the gap between revenue and expenditure proves to be in practice anything like so large as it is in the estimates.

But the actual figures are not of much importance in this connection. The point which I desire to discuss is one of policy. I have consistently, ever since I came to Hongkong, advocated the policy of pressing on with works of development as continuously and as rapidly as possible without regard to whether the budget for the year shows a heavy deficit or not so long as we have balances available. That policy has been followed in the present estimates and I propose to follow it in any future budget that I may be privileged to lay before the Council. As I think I said on a previous occasion the process is merely one of changing the form of our assets, so long as the expenditure by which the balances are depleted are works of development.

It does not therefore matter from this point of view whether the date at which we have reduced our balances to the margin of safety arrives at the end of 1925 or one or two years later. It must come some time in the next few years as we still have before us a very heavy programme of works which it will be convenient to continue to refer to here as "Public Works Extraordinary" though some of them will actually be carried out by the Port Development Department and some perhaps by the Railway or other departments.

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NOTICE.

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ARTHUR ONDERWYSEER.
BERENSON INTERMANS
SCHIPPER.
[1373]

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

INTERPORT MATCH
OCTOBER 18th-19th.

MEMBERS are notified that the Rule forbidding the Introduction of RESIDENT Non-Members is Suspended for This Occasion.

By Order,
E. D. MATTHEWS,
Secretary.
ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.
[1374]

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[1372]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "MENTOR" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will lie at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf.

The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 16th October. Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival. All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 A.M. and Noon within the free storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 23rd October, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 7th November, or they will not be recognised. No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 16th October, 1924. [1371]

THE EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD.,
COPENHAGEN.

THE M/S "PANAMA" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed and placed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. in the Goods are landed. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th of October, 1924, will be subject to Rent. All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson & Ashe on the 24th of October, 1924, at 10 A.M. All Claims against the Vessel must be presented to the Underwriter before the 27th of October, 1924, or they will not be recognised. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JOHN MANNERS & CO., LTD., Agents.
Hongkong, 17th October, 1924. [1375]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER
"M. A. L. W. A."

ARRIVED HONGKONG on 15th OCTOBER, 1924.

FROM ANTWERP LONDON GIBRALTAR, MARSEILLES, PORTSAID, ADEN, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each Consignment will be sorted out by Mark and delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed. Optional Goods will be landed here unless Instructions have been given to the contrary Six hours before Arrival of the Steamer. Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival will be subject to Rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GORDON & DODD, at 10 A.M. on Mondays and Thursdays.

All Claims must be presented within Ten days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.
MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 16th October, 1924. [1367]

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

BRUNNER, MOND & CO. (CHINA), LIMITED.
AS From the 14th OCTOBER, 1924, the Offices of the above Company will be at No. 12, PEDDER STREET (5th Floor). [1352]

HARBOUR RACES.

ENTRIES for the HARBOUR RACES Close to the Hon. Secretary, V.R.C., on FRIDAY, 17th INSTANT.
All Entries to be accompanied by Entrance Fee \$1.00.

MONDAY, 20th OCTOBER, LADIES.
TUESDAY, 21st " " CHINESE.
WEDNESDAY, 22nd " " OPEN.
[1365] C. WITCHELL,
Hon. Secretary, V.R.C.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 20, Des Vaux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 19th DAY of OCTOBER, 1924, at Noon, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving the draft new Articles of Association of the Company, which will be submitted to the Meeting.

A print of such draft new Articles and a print of the existing Articles of the Company may be seen at the Company's said Registered Office and at the Office of Messrs. DRAKONS, 1, Des Vaux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, Solicitors for the Company, and the portions of the proposed new Articles which differ from the existing Articles are indicated by being underlined in Red.

Should the Meeting approve of such new Articles of Association with or without modification, the subjoined Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution, namely:—

"That the new Articles already approved by this Meeting and for the purpose of identification, subscribed by the Chairman thereof, be and the same are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company to the exclusion of and in substitution for all the existing Articles thereof."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN THAT A FURTHER EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the said Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 20, Des Vaux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 5th DAY of NOVEMBER, 1924, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Proceedings at the above mentioned Meeting, and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.

Dated the 14th day of July, 1924.
By Order,
DOUGLAS LAPAIA & CO.,
General Managers.

THE CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 20, Des Vaux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 16th DAY of SEPTEMBER, 1924, at Noon, for the purposes following, namely:—

(a) To consider, and, if thought fit, approve the draft new Articles of Association of the Company which will be submitted to the Meeting and in the event of the approval thereof, with or without modification.

(b) To consider, and, if thought fit, to pass an Extraordinary Resolution to the effect:—

(1) That the new Articles already approved by this Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof, be and the same are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company to the exclusion of and in substitution for all the existing Articles thereof.

A print of such draft new Articles and a print of the existing Articles of the Company may be seen at the Company's said Registered Office and at the Office of Messrs. DRAKONS, 1, Des Vaux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, Solicitors for the Company, and the portions of the proposed new Articles which differ from the existing Articles are indicated by underlining in red.

(c) To consider, and, if thought fit, to pass an Extraordinary Resolution to the effect:—

(2) That the name of the Company be changed to "CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN THAT A SECOND EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 20, Des Vaux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 3rd DAY of OCTOBER, 1924, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Proceedings at the above mentioned Meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution, the above mentioned Resolutions (Nos. 1 and 2).

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN THAT the said SECOND EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING to be held as aforesaid will be continued for the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, passing the following further Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution, namely:—

(3) That each of the existing 20,000 fully paid up shares of \$100 each constituting the Capital of \$2,000,000 be divided into four fully paid up shares of \$25 each so as to make such Capital \$2,000,000, consisting of 80,000 fully paid up shares of \$25 each.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN THAT A THIRD EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 20, Des Vaux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 20th DAY of OCTOBER, 1924, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the proceedings at the above mentioned Meeting in so far as regards Resolution No. 3 above and of confirming, if thought fit, such Resolution as a Special Resolution.

Dated this 10th day of June, 1924.
By Order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
898 General Agents.

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

THE GENERAL ELECTRIC CO. OF CHINA, LTD.
DURING the Absence of Mr. A. B. RAWSON and until further Notice, I have this Day been Appointed, Mr. N. G. BEALE, Manager of our Hongkong Branch.

PERCIVAL H. NYE,
Managing Director.
THE GENERAL ELECTRIC CO. OF CHINA, LTD. [1368]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and ENTRY FORMS for the SIXTH EXTRA RACE MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 25th NOVEMBER, 1924 (weather permitting), may be obtained at the RACE COURSE, HONGKONG CLUB and CAUSEWAY BAY STABLES. Entries will close at 12 o'clock Noon on SATURDAY, 25th OCTOBER, 1924. [1364]

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCES, 1911-1923.

IN THE MATTER OF THE HONGKONG CHINESE MERCHANTS' STOCK & PRODUCE EXCHANGE MART COMPANY, LIMITED.

(In Voluntary Liquidation).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 181 of the Companies Ordinance, 1911, that A MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, No. 26, Des Vaux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 17th OCTOBER, 1924, at 12 Noon.

Dated 3rd day of October, 1924.
CHEUNG MAN PO,
Liquidator. [1366]

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

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THE COLONIAL BUDGET.

The very lucid review of the Budget for the ensuing year which was given in the Legislative Council yesterday by H.E. THE GOVERNOR furnishes the public with a very comprehensive idea of the continued development and prosperity of the Colony. Comparing the Revenue and Expenditure of the Colony now with the totals, say, for the year preceding the Great War, we see that under both heads the totals have more than doubled. What is even more remarkable is the fact that the balance of the Colony's assets over liabilities is standing now in the neighbourhood of sixteen million dollars, as compared with less than three millions in 1913 when the Government's expenditure was approximately half what it is to-day. Though land sales are expected to yield a much lower sum in 1925 than they have done in the current year, the revenue estimate, —\$21,819,700—on a conservative basis, is nevertheless some five lacs above the estimate for this year. The expenditure estimate for next year is more than nine million dollars in excess of the revenue estimate, and is more than four millions greater than the estimated expenditure in the current year. This year is expected to close with a deficit of approximately two million dollars, and the Government has budgeted for a deficit of something over 8½ million dollars. But His Excellency in the latter part of his address mentions that "the estimates are based on the sound

principle of including the lowest probable returns in the case of revenue, and the highest figure of expenditure which can reasonably be expected to be reached." Consequently His Excellency says he would not be surprised if the gap between revenue and expenditure proves in practice anything like so large as it is in the estimates. The policy which His Excellency has consistently advocated of pressing on with works of development as continuously and rapidly as possible "without regard to whether the budget for the year shows a heavy deficit or not so long as we have balances available," is generally recognised to be a very sound policy so long as indications are favourable to the increasing prosperity of the Colony. But the time is very near at hand if it has not already arrived, when the Colony will have to consider other methods of financing some of the very heavy undertakings which are in view, and His Excellency in the closing paragraphs of his address makes suggestions which we are sure will readily commend themselves to the community, for, indeed, on many occasions in past years have suggestions been made in the Council and in the Press that some of the large public works should be financed by loan rather than out of current revenue. Such proposals hitherto have never found a welcome in official circles, but with such costly works as the Shing Mun Waterworks Scheme, the Praya East Reclamation and the projected harbour improvements already started, the need for the change of policy has become imperative.

Malini will give a performance at the Craigengower Cricket Club on Saturday evening.—ADVT.

The Bank of Canton, Ltd., whose head office is in Hongkong, have established, from the 15th inst., an Agency in San Francisco, at No. 535, Montgomery Street.

The Royal Hongkong Golf Club notices members that the rule forbidding the introduction of resident non-members is suspended for the occasion of the Interport match on Saturday and Sunday.

A woman convicted at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, of possessing 43 taels of raw opium, was ordered by Mr. Hamilton to pay a fine of \$750 or go to prison for nine months.

Dr. W. V. M. Koch has been nominated by the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., O.B.E., and seconded by Mr. W. L. Leask, to fill the vacancy on the Licensing Board caused by the death of the Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe.

Four Chinese charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, with stowing away on the s.s. *Menado*, were dismissed, as the ship had left and the charges against them could not be proved.

A female passenger on one of the night boats from Canton attempted to commit suicide by jumping into the harbour in front of the Harbour Office early yesterday morning. She was rescued by a Chinese and later taken to the S.C.A.

Several contractors who had deposited sand and rubbish in the street at Sham Shui Po were fined \$25 each by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at Kowloon yesterday. Complaint had been made by the Fire Brigade that these obstructions were an obstacle to fire engines.

We have received from Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton a lengthy letter for which we are unable to find room to-day correcting a prevailing impression that the Chinese Club has paid to Mrs. Y. Chan, the value of the first prize in the Chinese Club's Hongkong Derby Sweep in 1923. Mr. Brutton desires it to be known that it is not the case. Mrs. Chan, as the owner of the winning ticket cannot obtain payment by law (since an unpaid prize in a sweep is a gambling debt), but is dependant entirely on the honour of the members of the Committee of the Chinese Club.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

[THROUGH RAUTER'S AGENCY.]

H.M.S. "WEYMOUTH"

CARRYING RELIEF FOR THE "DESPATCH."

London, October 16th.

The departure of the light cruiser *Weymouth* to Hongkong under the command of Captain B. H. Ramsay with a relief crew for the *Despatch* has been deferred until November 4th.

RUBBER AND TEA.

THIS YEAR AND THE NEXT.

London, October 16th.

At a meeting of Messrs. Harrison and Crosfield, the chairman, Mr. Eric Miller, estimated that the tea production for the current year would be 798,000,000 lbs. and the consumption 794,000,000 lbs., increases of 9,000,000 and 33,000,000 respectively compared with 1923. The increase in the consumption was chiefly at home. Mr. Miller saw no possibility of a large increase in production for some years to come and estimated that the consumption of rubber would be 435,000 tons in 1924, a fivefold increase compared with 1910.

He defended the restriction scheme, and believed the world's consumption of 1925 would increase to 450,000 tons, of which the non-restricting areas might supply 190,000 tons leaving 260,000 to be supplied from the restricting areas.

N.Y.K. TROUBLES.

PRESIDENT RESIGNS.

Tokyo, October 16th.

As anticipated, President Ito, of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, has tendered his resignation to the board of directors on the grounds of his responsibility for the recent troubles.

The President has resigned.

LAUNCH MASTER HEAVILY FINED.

SAFETY VALVE TAMPERED WITH.

The master of the steam launch *Dei Fat* was charged at the Marine Magistracy, yesterday morning with having no certificated coxswain or certificated engineer on board, and further with increasing steam pressure on his safety valve in contravention of his licence.

The prosecution was based on a letter, alleged to have been written to the Government Marine Surveyor's office by the second engineer, who claimed to have been discharged for refusing to screw down the safety valve.

Mr. Jackson of the Surveyor's office, found the launch in the harbour. The steam-gauge was run up to 160 lbs., but the safety valve did not act, although it should have done so under a pressure of 125 lbs.

When the launch was brought back the safety valve was opened in the presence of Lieut. Comdr. Conway Hake and inside was an eight inch bolt and some nuts which showed that all safety devices had been effectually destroyed.

The defendant pleaded "Not guilty" to the first charge and produced his coxswain's certificate. The first charge was dropped.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$250 or three months' on the third charge. On the second charge the defendant was fined \$15.

PIGWASH ON PASSENGER LAUNCH.

COXSWAIN FINED A SECOND TIME.

The coxswain of the steam launch *Sai On*, belonging to the Eastern Ferry Co., running between Hongkong and Kowloon City, was fined \$20 at the Marine Court yesterday for carrying pigwash on his vessel simultaneously with passengers. For a similar offence the same man was fined a few weeks ago.

The evidence showed that there were 79 passengers and 15 buckets of pigwash when the police officer and the police launch coxswain climbed on board.

Mr. H. L. Denny defended and claimed that what defendant carried was not pigwash but "broken food," which he described as *surig tok*.

Another coxswain, who pleaded "guilty," was fined a similar amount.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]THE HOME ELECTION.
POWER OF THE PACTS.

LONDON, October 16th.

It is calculated that local pacts have been reached between Conservatives and Liberals in the majority of the 70 divisions which the Labourites won in the last election through a split vote. The Liberals have withdrawn in 38 cases and the Conservatives in six. Thirty-nine women candidates have already been adopted, which is five more than last year.

EARLIER CABLES.

MR. BALDWIN'S DIATRIBE.

LONDON, October 15th.

At a Unionist rally in Queen's Hall, Mr. Baldwin appeared on the platform, carrying a horse-shoe decorated with red, white and blue ribbon.

Mr. Baldwin, addressing the gathering, said the modern Samson of a Prime Minister was determined to pull down the pillars of the tabernacle. The Labour Party could never play any part as a patriotic, constitutional party until it purged itself of the extremists. The Labour Government policy was based on feelings and emotions which it was impossible to translate into action. If it were possible to embody any proposals of the Labour manifesto in Acts of Parliament, an appalling disturbance of trade and industry and national life would result. It was the true function of a Government to encourage individual effort. The most striking feature of the Labour Government's record was its failure as regards unemployment, for which the electorate would call it very severely to account.

After outlining the Unionist constructive policy, Mr. Baldwin referred to Imperial affairs. He said the Unionist Party stood for the closest co-operation with regard to Imperial preference.

India at present was causing great anxiety owing to the wrecking tactics of extremists, who did not attempt to conceal their intention of rendering the present system of Government unworkable. India was seething with a religious conflict between Hindus and Mohammedans, and but for the strong, protecting arm of Britain, which had never been more urgently needed than to-day, large parts of India might revert to chaos. He feared that some of the responsibility for this situation must rest with the nerveless, vacillating policy of Lord Oliver, the Secretary of State for India. The Conservatives would unhesitatingly pursue a firm, definite policy based on the letter and spirit of the reforms guaranteed to India. Such a policy alone would restore order. He was determined that due regard should be given to the needs of the public servants in India, who suffered economic hardships.

PREMIER MEETS WITH ACCIDENT.

LONDON, October 15th.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald had an alarming experience whilst addressing an audience of ten thousand people at Cleckheaton this afternoon. The platform collapsed, and the Premier and two hundred persons were thrown to the ground. Nobody was hurt, and Mr. MacDonald arose smiling.

The first Conservative candidates list numbers 530.

PREMIER'S SPEECH.

LONDON, October 15th.

In a speech to five thousand people at Manchester, where he had a tumultuous reception, Mr. MacDonald said the combination of Liberals and Tories might (though he thought not) have the same effect as the same combination in the House of Commons. "We can go down. We have been down before. The Labour Party has been ousted by unholy combinations, and may lose a seat here and there, but I mistake human nature very much if the manifestations of enthusiasm I have seen during the last two days mean a passing emotion."

LATEST CABLES.
IRISH BOUNDARY DISPUTE.

DAIL PASSES BILL.

LONDON, October 15th.

The Dail Eireann has passed through all its stages the Boundary Bill. A similar bill was passed by the British Parliament recently.

THE IRAQ BORDERS.
LEAGUE CALLED IN.

GENEVA, October 15th.

The General Secretary of the League has received a telegram from Mr. MacDonald requesting an immediate meeting of the Council of the League with a view to examining the divergent Anglo-Turkish interpretations regarding the status quo of the Iraq frontier.

BRITISH OIL SHIPS FROM HOLLAND.

LONDON, October 16th.

More contracts for the construction of British ships have gone to Holland. The Anglo-Saxon Petroleum Company have ordered two 23,000-ton oil-tankers from Rotterdam.

EARLIER CABLES.

DRUGS AND THE EAST.

A PROFITABLE BUSINESS.

LONDON, October 15th.

Speaking on a resolution proposed at a meeting of the Congregational Union at Liverpool, expressing the hope that the Geneva Conference will deal with drug production, the Reverend E. S. Dukes said it was stated that India made a profit of four millions sterling out of the drug trade and that Malaya was paying 45 per cent of her annual expenditure out of the opium licensing trade.

NAVAL WAR MEMORIALS.

LONDON, October 14th.

H.R.H. the Duke of York unveiled, at Portsmouth to-day, the last of three naval war memorials, of which two have already been unveiled at Chatham and Devonport.

The Duke of York said the names of the 3,750 officers and men there recorded would live, for ever.

After the ceremony, the Duke of York, the Canadian Minister of Defence, the Commander-in-Chief at Portsmouth, the Mayor and others placed wreaths at the base of the monument, a wreath was also laid there on behalf of Australia.

THE ATTFIELD CASE.

A HOME PETITION.

LONDON, October 15th.

A petition is being raised for the release of Cecil Attfield and Charles Hinman, who have been sentenced virtually to life imprisonment as they are unable to pay the enormous penalties imposed. It is pointed out that Lord Darling refused to agree to immediate execution in the case of Frederick Hinman's penalty.

THE GERMAN LOAN.

LONDON, October 15th.

Heavy subscriptions to the German Loan partly consist of applications from "stags," or small speculators, who anticipate a premium will be established when the loan is allotted. Thus they will snatch a quick profit.

MECCA IN HANDS OF TRIBESMEN.

A QUIET CAPTURE.

CAIRO, October 15th.

The Wahabis have entered Mecca. The situation is quiet and there have been no excesses.

The Wahabis assured the Consular Corps at Jeddah that foreigners at Mecca will be safe and Jeddah will not be attacked.

A message of the Wahabis entry into Mecca says: It is reported they are plundering the King's Palace and the houses of rich merchants.

THE WORLD'S SPORT.

HOME RACING.

THE CAESAREWITCH.

LONDON, October 15th.

The result of the Caesarewitch was as follows:

Charley's Mount 1

Bolet Satin 2

Savernake 3

Thirty-four ran. Won by a length; a neck between second and third. The betting was 100 to one against Charley's Mount; 25 to one against Bolet Satin; and 100 to six against Savernake.

ANOTHER ALL-BLACKS VICTORY.

SUTHERLAND, October 15th.

The All-Blacks defeated County Durham by 43 points to seven.

EARLIER CABLES.
THE LAST ZEPPELIN.

ARRIVES IN U.S.

NEW YORK, October 15th.

The Z.R.3 arrived at Lakehurst aerodrome in 81 hours, 25 minutes after leaving Friedrichshafen. She made a fine landing.

President Coolidge sent a message congratulating Capt. Eckner on the airship epoch-making achievement.

He said: "It is a matter of great satisfaction to myself and the people of the United States that peaceful relations between Germany and America have been fully re-established, and that this great airship has inaugurated the first direct air-flight between Germany and the United States."

There were scenes of enthusiasm on the arrival here of Z.R.3, escorted by two aeroplanes. Crowds, many on the roofs of skyscrapers, everywhere watched the airship as she majestically sailed by, after her trans-Atlantic crossing, at twice the speed of the fastest ocean liner.

Cheers rose from thousands of throats, hats were tossed in the air, shrill whistles sounded from the boats in the harbour and the sirens in the factories as the airship flew low over the heart of the city. It circled the city five times before proceeding to Lakehurst.

COMMANDERS CLAIM.

BERLIN, October 15th.

President Ebert has telegraphed, most heartily, congratulating Commander Eckner and the crew of Z.R.3 on behalf of the Government and whole nation.

He says: "The achievement will live in history; and hopes the Z.R.3, in the course of further flights, will proclaim Germany's genius and challenge all nations to free and peaceful rivalry."

Describing his experiences, on emerging from the airship's gondola, Commander Eckner said: "We have put up a new world's record for a continuous flight of 5,000 miles."

The first part of the voyage was fine but the last was full of heavy weather. From five o'clock yesterday morning, we battled for 24 hours against heavy weather and a wind blowing 55/60 miles an hour.

CORRESPONDENCE.

CE HOUSE STREET.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—A great many of your readers will hope that some notice will be taken by the Authorities of "Citizen's" letter in your yesterday's issue concerning the congested state of Ice House Street.

The existing conditions under which foot passengers are pushed and shoved and shouted at by ricksha coolies—with the approval apparently of their masters—is intolerable.

The proper remedy would appear to be to close this narrow thoroughfare to wheeled traffic altogether; but if this is considered too drastic a remedy, surely half of the lane could be laid out as a pavement for pedestrians, and the other half left for ricksha traffic.—Yours faithfully,

"PEDESTRIAN."

REMARKABLE CASE OF TELEPATHY.

A Calcutta report states that particulars of a remarkable telepathic test which was made in the discovery of a man believed to have been dead were furnished to a Press representative by Mr. J. Ahmed, Presidency Magistrate.

The test took place in the presence of Mr. Ahmed at his residence and was conducted by an expert who was a visitor at the house.

Shamsul Alum, a bench clerk at the Police Court, missed his brother-in-law some nine years ago. Shamsul Alum was put into a light trance, when he was placed in telepathic communication with his brother-in-law, who intimated that he was living in Kent, England, where he was well and doing a thriving business.

The test of its veracity was a prepaid cable message despatched to the mentioned address, and the reply showed that the missing relative was alive in Kent and was doing a thriving business.

EX-WARDER HANGS HIMSELF.

Charles Lazell, an octogenarian, who was formerly the chief warden of Wandsworth Gaol, and who had been haunted lately by dreams relating to executions which he had witnessed, committed suicide at Ashford (Middlesex) in a manner resembling a scaffold scene. He attached a rope to the roof of a shed near his house, mounted some steps, tied a noose round his neck, and jumped through an open trap-door.

THE CIVIL WAR IN CHINA.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ALLIED TROOPS DISPATCHED TO SHANHAIKWAN.

"TO CLEAR THE LINE."

TIENTSIN, October 16th.

Yesterday an Allied train carrying contingents of British, American, French and Japanese troops and decorated with Allied flags left Tientsin for Shanhaikwan in order to clear the line.

WU FULL OF FIGHT.

PEKING, October 16th.

A special message from Chinwangtao dated the 15th instant says that after inspecting the battle line near Shaohchai, Marshal Wu Pei Fu left instructions to advance at full speed.

He later inspected the line from Shanhaikwan to Chengtszeku, where the enemy forces are falling back and where their resistance, though not yet broken, has been badly shaken.

SOUTH-WEST FIGHTING ENDED.

A PEKING MANDATE.

PEKING, October 16th.

A mandate issued last night says that fortunately the struggle in the south-west has now ended and the rival soldiers are at peace. The fighting areas in Chekiang and Shanghai has been restored to tranquillity, and the mandate commands the conduct in the field of Chi Hsieh Yuan and Sui Chuan Fang and the praiseworthy bravery of their officers and men, which was highly appreciated by the Government. Li Hou Chi and Wang Hu, who were appointed as pacification commissioners, will, says the mandate, consult with the local authorities and take such action as necessary to finance the Ministry, allocating \$100,000 to relief purposes.

MORE HOPEFUL SITUATION AT SHANGHAI.

"LITTLE HSU" UNDER OPEN ARREST IN THE SETTLEMENT.

SHANGHAI, October 16th.

As a result of the foreign authorities at Shanghai refusing to permit Little Hsu to make the International Settlement his headquarters from which to create dangerous trouble among the thousands of leaderless troops just outside the city, the situation to-day is much more hopeful, but it is still more complicated.

Hsu is under open arrest in his house in the International Settlement pending advice from the Diplomatic Body in Peking regarding what shall be done with him.

It transpires that the Kiangsu commander at Longhua, the former Chekiang headquarters just outside Shanghai, remained loyal to Marshal Chi, and his troops who, according to consular reports went over yesterday to Hsu, are to-day standing by their Kiangsu leader.

A big effort is now being made to arrange for the repatriation of the various leaderless troops to their respective provinces. "It is believed that if Little Hsu can be detained a few more days the whole situation near Shanghai will liquidate itself."

ILLEGAL LOTTERIES.

NO INTENTION OF GENERAL BAN BY HOME OFFICE.

It was stated by an official at the Home Office that there was no intention on the part of the Home Office to institute a general ban against charitable lotteries.

Undoubtedly lotteries were illegal, he said. What probably happened in the Torquay case, where it was reported that the police had been ordered to prosecute the promoter of a lottery, was that the advice of the Home Office was sought, and that the Home Office, in accordance with their ordinary practice, may have written stating that the lottery was illegal.

The official gave it as his opinion that lotteries, whether charitable or otherwise, as the law at present stood, were illegal, but whether his view would be endorsed in the High Court was a matter he could not discuss. He stated, however, that the Home Office could not instruct the police upon the subject, but if the police from Torquay or any other place wrote asking for advice in connection with lotteries, the Home Office would advise them that such lotteries were illegal.

THE HOLOCAUST AT CANTON.

ENORMOUS DESTRUCTION BY INCENDIARISM.

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE BY BATTLE AND BY FIRE.

VOLUNTEERS OVERWHELMED BY SUPERIOR FORCES.

The tragic events at Canton on Wednesday were attended by great destruction of property by incendiaries and in the fighting and in the fires there has been great loss of life. Exact figures will probably never be ascertained.

At about noon yesterday the two Chinese members of the Legislative Council received the following news about Canton from the Honourable Colonial Secretary:—

"Latest intelligence from Canton received by the Naval Authorities is that a large fire raged yesterday but is now under control. The Merchants' Volunteers have been defeated. The damage is estimated at \$7,000,000, and the loss of life is probably large. All is now quiet."

A prominent European business man of Hongkong, who returned to the Colony from Canton yesterday afternoon, told a Daily Press representative that the Volunteers had surrendered, and that when the s.s. *Fatshan* left Canton at 8 a.m. yesterday, were coming in in batches and laying down their arms to Dr. Sun's troops.

"I left Hongkong for Canton on Wednesday," said our informant, "and when I arrived, things were so hot that I decided to return by the next boat. A very heavy exchange of firing was being kept up on the Bund, and repeatedly bullets whistled over and round the ship. When I arrived, about twenty big conflagrations were sending up towers of flames and volumes of smoke skywards. At the time I left on the return journey, the number of fires had approximately doubled."

"By this time the rifle and machine-gun fire had died down to nothing. An occasional sniper's shot was heard, but that was all. By now surrender parties of Merchant Volunteers were coming in."

"A contrast to the tragic happenings of the preceding days," he continued, "was provided by the occasional stately progress along the Bund of officers of the Yunnanese Army, which is supporting Sun Yat Sen. A private, carrying a red flag, went ahead in one ricksha, then followed the officer in another, with a Mauser pistol in each hand, and finally, in a third ricksha, came another private with a rifle held ready to fire from the hip."

"The Customs were closed on Wednesday at 11 a.m., and they were not open yesterday."

"The total damage caused by the fighting and incendiaryism," he added, "is estimated at \$50,000,000."

Another informant described the City of Canton as being "ablaze from end to end."

Practically all the money-changers' shops have been looted, and the houses of many private people raided and then set on fire. Chinese refugees making for Hongkong have been robbed of their luggage on the Bund by Dr. Sun's soldiers. (This statement is borne out by the number of apparently well-to-do Chinese who arrived in the Colony from Canton yesterday without baggage of any description.)

"The Canton Fire Brigade," he added, "has been helpless, because rifle and machine-gun fire has been directed upon it on the slightest sign of activity."

EVENTS FROM THE VOLUNTEERS STANDPOINT.

Our Chinese correspondent writes:—

The Canton Merchants' Volunteers, as far as those of Canton City are concerned, have been defeated by the Reds of Dr. Sun Yat Sen and have withdrawn partly northward. The Volunteers who have been killed, wounded, or taken prisoners number not a few. The Volunteers had to withdraw from Canton on Wednesday, because they had a strength of but 6,000 actually in arms, while their opponents were attacking with an army of nearly 40,000 strong, drawn from mercenary representing eight other provinces who have been better trained for organized warfare.

The Volunteers decided to retreat after a day of heroic defense of their homes and shops in order to save further massacre of non-combatants by the Reds who attacked the unarmed, men, women, children, the young and aged alike.

The casualties among the civilians will never be known. They must be more than a thousand. As far as the dead among the Reds is concerned, rough estimates put it at 400 upward, while it is estimated that "at least 30" volunteers were killed and 100 wounded. The prisoners taken, however, numbered more than the dead and the wounded will probably all be shot, as not a few have already shot by the Red commanders. The wounded among the Reds numbered some 900.

The streets partially or wholly destroyed by the Reds were Sun Sam Hong, Tun Tow Lane, Ta Tung Kai, Goo Yee Kai, the six streets around Luen Hing Kai, and others still unreported.

The Volunteers while not unprepared were far outnumbered, and no 6,000, it is said, could well meet 40,000.

The Headquarters of the Canton Merchants' Volunteer Corps, yesterday authorized an official statement to the Chinese Press for perusal among the Chinese at home and abroad in which it is said: "We may be unsuccessful at the beginning, but as we are fighting for the rights of the people, we call for and expect the co-operation of all, so as to relieve the people from oppression and rescue our land from devastation."

A PUBLIC STATEMENT BY VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS.

The Headquarters of the Canton Merchants' Volunteers, now removed elsewhere, in a statement yesterday, says that they were forced to retreat from Canton as Dr. Sun Yat Sen's army greatly outnumbered them, and because they desired to save the lives of the non-combatants and Canton from further destruction; that, while it was and will ever be their duty to defend their rights and their city, they deplore any acts contrary to the rules of civilized warfare and protest against the committing of outrages upon the non-combatants, especially the women and the children.

NOTES ON THE OPERATIONS.

The Canton Merchants' Volunteers along the Wing Hon Maloo resisted stubbornly the invasion of the Reds in the early part of October 15th.

The Volunteers along the West Bund, Canton, near Shamen did splendid work and killed more than 100 Reds before the latter could enter the rido streets and hold up the unarmed citizens.

The Tai Ping Gate to the Western Suburb, finally forced through by the Reds, was defended by the Volunteers with vigour until the Reds reinforced by field-guns, which the Volunteers found too strong, broke through.

Looting and incendiaryism, committed by Dr. Sun's Reds, were for the most part during October 15th confined to the Western Suburb, where the shops and homes were completely sacked before kerosene oil was put over the premises and they were destroyed.

The number of Dr. Sun's Reds was by far greater than that of the Volunteers; it was about 5 to 1 in favour of the Reds.

An informal exchange of views between Dr. Sun Yat Sen and his Red commanders in the later part of the day resulted in the advice that women and children may be bayoneted only in order to save ammunition, and there appeared to be a fear that upon the reinforcement of the Volunteers the task of slaughtering the people might be not so easy as on the first day.

The Reds are ignoring Dr. Sun's instruction that all cash looted shall be handed over to the Commissary-General for future use in common and that much food stuff be saved before setting fire on the shops. The Reds, according to eye-witnesses, were pocketing everything valuable casting the less valuable into the fire when the more costly come into their hands so as to avoid being heavily loaded.

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HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 5.)

We have been in recent years very fortunate in being able to command sufficient balances to provide for the heaviest programme which we could undertake but it is clear that this state of affairs cannot last much longer. The works to which we are already committed and those which we have in contemplation are all desirable, most of them are necessary and a considerable number of them will be remunerative in actual cash, but they will cost very large sums of money and it would be unreasonable to expect to be able to find front revenue and balance the funds necessary for instance to provide for the heavy initial expenditure of moving the military establishments to the mainland or to provide deep water wharves for the Harbour.

Within the next few years therefore, as I said just now, we shall have to decide how these works are to be financed. The obvious answer of course is by means of a loan. I have no other answer but I should like to express now my views, not as to the amount of a loan, for is not possible to foresee at present what our requirements will be, but as to the nature of the loan and the objects to which it should be devoted.

Public Works Extraordinary, in the wide sense in which I have used the phrase, fall into three natural divisions.

1. Such works as the provision of new Police Stations, quarters for Government servants, road improvements and widening and similar comparatively minor matters.

2. Costly works which are of permanent utility and which will be of equal importance to future generations as to the present, or possibly even of greater importance, such for instance, as the Shing Mun Water Supply and the Harbour Wharves, works from which a certain return in money may be anticipated but which are not intended to be a source of profit and should at most be expected to pay their way and give in due course a moderate return on the capital invested.

3. Works which involve a heavy initial outlay for a considerable period during which they give no return but which bring in large sums of money or soon after completion. Such for instance as the Praya East Reclamation and, to some extent at least, let us hope the re-provisioning of the Military Establishments.

The first class of works are correctly classed as Public Works Extraordinary since they are of the nature of capital expenditure but they approximate rather closely to Public Works Recurrent for we may be certain that every year it will be necessary to expend money on similar works.

This class of works therefore I consider should be provided for from revenue, at least up to the limit of the revenue received from land sales, which as these sales amount to an alienation of capital should not be regarded as available to meet the ordinary expenses of administration.

The second class of works, of which the utility is permanent and the profit small should in my opinion be provided for by a long term loan, i.e., by the issue of Inserted Stock with the usual arrangement for amortization by means of a sinking fund, so that our successors who will benefit by these works at least as much as ourselves may bear their fair share of the cost.

The third class, I consider, should be dealt with differently. Take for an example the Praya East Reclamation. We are expending large sums on this work but the expenditure is really more of the nature of an advance. As soon as it is finished, we hope to sell the Government share of the new land, so far as it is not required for Government purposes, at a profit. The money which we have expended will therefore come back to us after a few years and it would scarcely be fair to our successors that we should spend this money when we receive it while we leave them saddled with the loan raised for the initial expenditure.

In such cases I submit that the right course would be to raise short term loans by way of debentures or possibly by the issue of Treasury Bills, which would be paid off as soon as possible by means of the money received on the completion of the work.

I will not try to go into details as to do so in present circumstances would be premature but I submit these views to Honourable Members as representing a reasonable and practical policy, the adoption of which, would, I believe, granted a continuation of reasonable prosperity, make it unnecessary at least for many years to come to contemplate any materially increased taxation, even if the Revenue from Opium ceases to figure in our returns.

The Bill was read a first time.
THE ADJOURNMENT.
H.E. THE GOVERNOR: I had intended to propose that the Council should adjourn till this day fortnight, if hon. members had no objection.
Hon. Mr. HOLYOAK: I should like to ask, Sir, if we might adjourn till the following Monday, November 2nd, at 2:30 p.m.
His Excellency consented.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Finance Committee was afterwards held, the Colonial Secretary presiding.

PUBLIC WORKS VOTES.
The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$195,000 in aid of the following votes:—

Public Works, Extraordinary:—
Kowloon:
Miscellaneous, 93. Filling in Tidal Flat and cutting down hill between Tai Kok Tsui and Pak Tsun Heung \$100,000
New Territories:
Miscellaneous, 126. Further Reclamation at Sham Shui Po 30,000
Miscellaneous, 128. Construction of Waterboat Dock at Lai Chi Kok 40,000
Miscellaneous, 129. Kowloon East Reclamation. Formation of Junk Building and Repairing Yards 25,000
Total \$195,000

The Colonial Secretary: This expenditure has already been approved by the Finance Committee.

VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.
The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$4,000 on account of the Volunteer Defence Corps, Special Expenditure, Equipment for the Engineer Company.

The Colonial Secretary: This sum of \$4,000 is required for the purpose of equipping the newly organized Engineer Company of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps. I do not think it is necessary to read to the Committee the long list of stores required, but they have been submitted by Headquarters, China Command, with a strong recommendation that they should be purchased at once.

GOVERNMENT OFFICES IN F. & C. BUILDING.
The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$20,000 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Miscellaneous, Fittings and Furniture for Government Offices in the new F. & C. Building.

The Colonial Secretary: As hon. members will remember the Government have leased three floors of the new F. & C. building and the sums required are for the Electrical Department \$3,000; the Port Development Department \$10,000, and the Education Department \$7,000, making a total of \$20,000.

Hon. Mr. BIRD: When do they move in, Sir?

The Chairman: It has been rather delayed. Perhaps the Director of Public Works can say.

The Director of Public Works: It depends on when the fittings will be ready.

The Chairman said he thought they would move in before the end of the year.

Hon. Mr. ALABASTER: What is the length of the lease?

The Colonial Treasurer: Three years. Approved.

PUBLIC WORKS RECURRENT.
The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$9,700 in aid of the following votes:—

Public Works, Recurrent:—
Hongkong:
Communications, 2. Maintenance of Telephone including all cables \$ 3,200
Miscellaneous, 21. Survey of Colony 6,500
Total \$ 9,700

The Colonial Secretary: The first item is for \$3,200. The original vote was \$5,000, which is nearly all spent. The estimated expenditure for 1924 was \$11,200 and the amount voted \$8,000. Can you tell me, Director, the reason for the increase?

The Director of Public Works: General maintenance charges. All the items are in excess this year.

The Chairman: Has there been any extension of lines?

The D.P.W.: Yes. Approved.

The Colonial Secretary: With regard to the second item (Survey of the Colony) certain additional expenditure is required for the erection of a number of triangulation stations in the New Territories, and further survey of the Colony. It is an interesting thing. When H.M.S. *Pegasus* is here there is to be a survey of the Colony by aeroplanes, and it is necessary in order for that to be done that the existing stations should be re-estimated and whitened. The estimated expenditure to the end of the year is \$6,500. The expenditure to date is \$5,475. The matter is reported to be urgent as the work is being carried out as quickly as possible in view of the arrival of the H.M.S. *Pegasus*. She will only be here a certain time.

Approved.

MEDICAL VOTES.
The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$20,500 in aid of the following votes:—

Medical Department:—
Civil Hospital, Other Charges:
Fuel and Light \$ 3,500
Provisions for patients 10,000
Washing 1,200
Kennedy Town Hospital, Other Charges:
Provision, etc. 1,500
Victoria Hospital, Other Charges:
Provisions for patients 3,500
Washing 200
Bacteriological Institute, Other Charges:
Animals and Fodder 600
Total \$20,500
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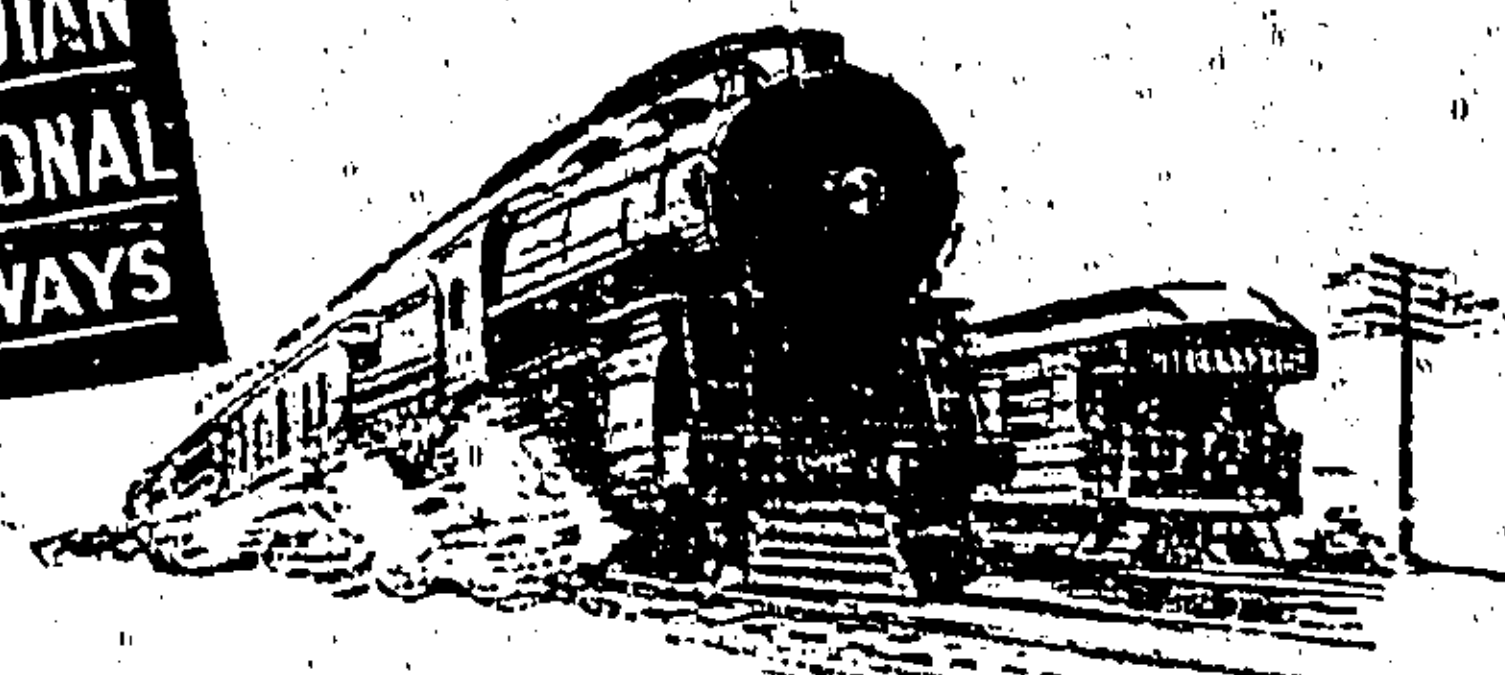
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The CHAIRMAN: The \$3,500 for fuel and light for the Civil Hospital is partly due to the increase in the number of patients and partly to the installation of the hot water plant in the sisters' quarters. The increase of \$10,000 for provisions for patients and \$1,200 for washing is due to the increase in the number of patients.

Hon. Mr. HOLYOAK: What, exactly, does this vote of \$3,500 cover—increased equipment?

The CHAIRMAN: No. I have no reason to believe there is any equipment included. It is for provisioning the increased number of patients and the other vote is for the increased number of clothes to be washed. I will make enquiry.

The CHAIRMAN: There is an item of \$1,500 for Kennedy Town Hospital for opening that hospital for the treatment of Police malarial cases. The outbreak at Shataukok has been investigated by Major Hingstone, who was kindly lent by the Military Authorities, and these cases have been brought in to Kennedy Town as there was no other suitable place for them and this hospital had to be opened for them.

With regard to the vote for the Victoria Hospital, this increase is chiefly due to the outbreak of typhoid fever. Special diet is required in these cases and there is special washing from the same cause. With regard to the \$300 for the Bacteriological Institute the outbreak of small-pox during the early part of the year is responsible for this increased expenditure.

Approved.

UNIFORMS FOR VOLUNTEERS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$4,000 in aid of the vote Military Expenditure, "B" Volunteer Defence Corps, Other Charges, Uniform, including Boots.

The CHAIRMAN: There is a large increase in the numbers of the Corps, the number now being over 400 as compared with 250 last year, necessitating further provision. The uniforms for the Scottish Co. are expected to reach the Colony next month. The amount of this year's vote was \$3,000 and there is only a balance of \$200 left.

Approved.

FIRE BRIGADE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$6,500 in aid of the following votes:

Fire Brigade, Other Charges: \$1,200

Incidental Expenses: 300

Repairs to Motor Engines and Plant: 5,000

Total: \$6,500

The CHAIRMAN: The \$1,200 required for clothing is due to the Crown Agents, which has cost \$3,243. The local expenditure is \$3,126.

The Hon. Mr. HOLYOAK: I understand that clothing is ordered through the Crown Agents, and not locally.

The CHAIRMAN: I think it is only ordered locally when a particular article cannot be better procured locally.

The COLONIAL TREASURER: The material is obtained through the Crown Agents.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes. I think the clothing is not made at home. I think under this heading certain gear is included.

We will have inquiry made. "Incidental expenses" include repair of furniture and cost of message for Mr. Moss who was injured in a fire recently. Repairs to the motor engine and plant will cost \$3,000. These are very urgently needed.

The Hon. Mr. HOLYOAK: Is any insurance policy carried?

The CHAIRMAN: It is not the policy of the Government to insure its property except in a very few instances.

The COLONIAL TREASURER: It is a matter that has been discussed.

The CHAIRMAN: I think if you work out the cost over a series of years you will find it is cheaper for the Government not to insure.

Approved.

BELLIOS REFORMATORY.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$15,000 on account of Public Works, Extraordinary, Miscellaneous, new roof and general repairs to the Bellios Reformatory.

The CHAIRMAN: This has already been approved by the Finance Committee.

Approved.

A PRISON VOTE.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$6,100 in aid of the following votes:

Prison Department, Other Charges: Fuel: \$2,700

Incidental Expenses: 3,400

Total: \$6,100

The CHAIRMAN: With regard to the item of fuel, which amounts to \$2,700, this sum is required owing to the contract price this year being nearly double that of 1923.

The Hon. Mr. BIRD: What is this fuel?

The COLONIAL TREASURER: It is probably firewood, not coal.

The CHAIRMAN: Firewood has gone up in price, but it is not so much a question of market price as contract. We had a good contract.

The COLONIAL TREASURER: The price of firewood has gone up enormously.

The CHAIRMAN: Yes, and I presume that the more food there is cooked for the increased number in the gaoi the more fires are required. I will enquire into that. But the contract price seems to me to be the essence of the thing, it being nearly double what it was last year.

The CHAIRMAN: The second item is for \$3,400. This is required to pay the rent for two houses in Hospital Road, occupied by Indian officers, from the 1st of September to the end of the year.

Hon. members will remember that the Police also required accommodation for

married officers, and in the new houses which have been built in Hospital Road we were able to get some of the flats, and we approved of the Prison getting some. I found out yesterday that the two Indian Police officers, Mohinder Singh and Nawab Khan, are living in these quarters, and described them as extremely comfortable. We have only got a lease for a certain time, pending the erection of temporary buildings close by, which will be ready in a few months, and the re-building of No. 8 Police Station, which will take a little longer.

Approved.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$400 in aid of the following votes:

Colonial Secretary's Department, Other Charges: Gas, Electric Fans, and Light: 150

Hansard Reports: 100

Incidental Expenses: 150

Total: \$400

The CHAIRMAN: This expenditure is for the Colonial Secretary's Office. It is not often that this Department comes before you for more money. Electric fans have been installed in the Council Chamber instead of the old punkahs. I do not think Hon. Members will object to that. One or two extra fans have been installed in rooms on this floor. There is an expenditure of \$180 for Hansard reports. In 1923 the estimate was found to be \$80 below what was needed, and the estimates for 1924 were not increased, so that this extra sum is needed. With reference to the incidental expenses several items this year could not be foreseen, such as removing telephones, sending samples to the Colonial Institute, etc., they will be covered by \$150.

Approved.

POLICE PASSAGES.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$36,000 in aid of the following votes:

Police Department, Other Charges: Passages: \$35,000

Subsistence of Prisoners: 1,000

Total: \$36,000

The CHAIRMAN: The vote for passages of officers in the Police vote is \$35,000, but there have been a large number of recruits from Home this year and their passages are to be paid for. The excess at present is \$15,019, and further accounts are to come in. It is expected that \$35,000 will be needed. For a subsistence of prisoners it is estimated that another \$1,000 is necessary, due to more prisoners and witnesses in the cells; although I don't know why witnesses should be in the cells. Probably "prisoners in the cells, and witnesses" is more correct.

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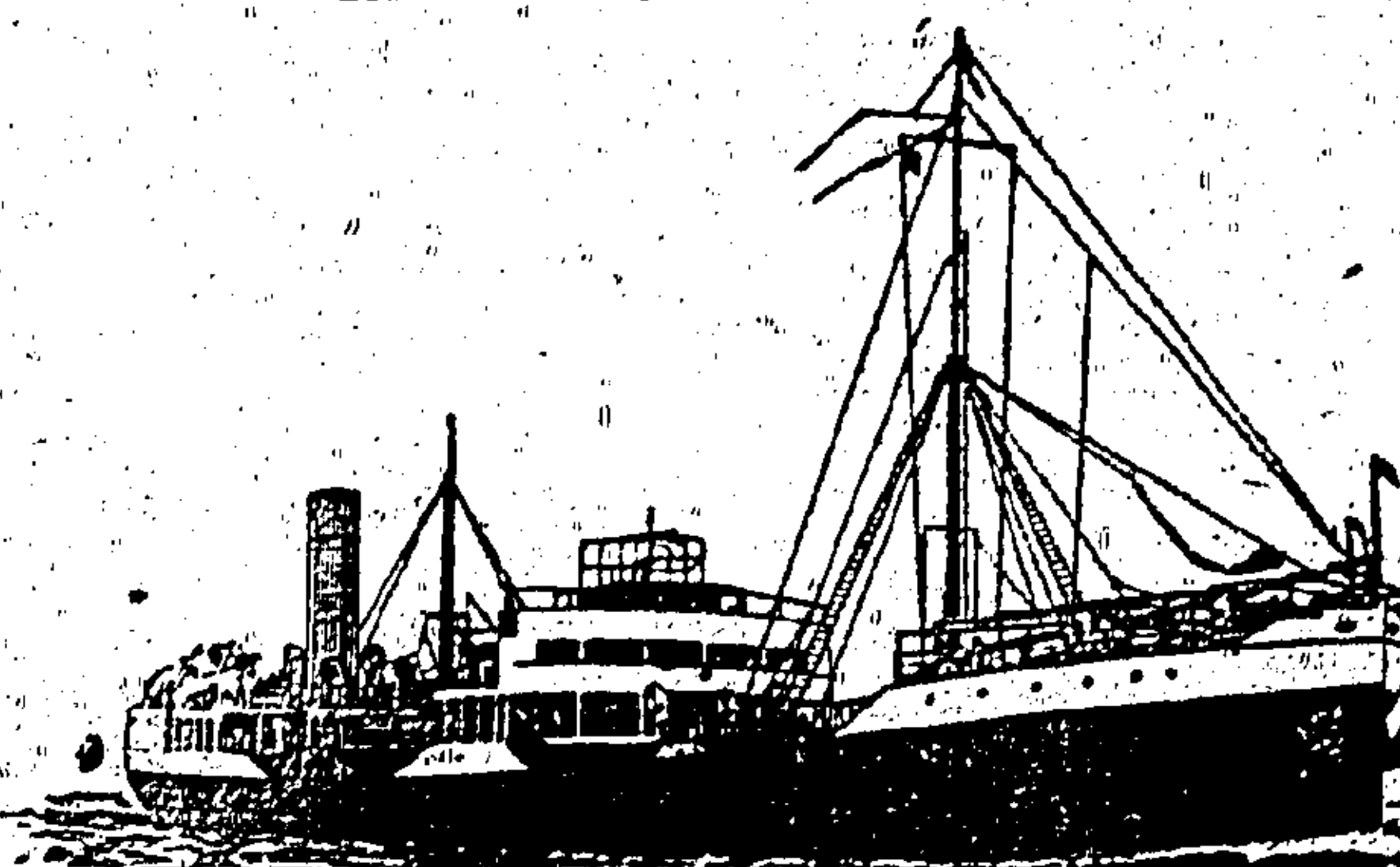
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HAIPHONG	Capt. W. C. Passmore	Tuesday, 21st Oct.	at 1 p.m.
HAIPHONG	Capt. Ellis Walker	Thursday, 23rd Oct.	at 12 Noon.
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"PESHAWUR"	7,924	19th Oct.	Mars., London, Antwerp & R'dam
"SICILIA"	6,813	23rd Oct.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	1st Nov.	Mars., London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	15th Nov.	Marseilles & London
"SARDINIA"	6,884	26th Nov.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"KARMALA"	9,088	29th Nov.	Mars., London & Antwerp
"MANTUA"	10,902	13th Dec.	Marseilles & London
"SOUDAN"	6,886	24th Dec.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"KHIVA"	9,135	27th Dec.	Marseilles, L'don. & A'werp

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"MACEDONIA"	11,089	10th Jan.	Marseilles & London
"SICILIA"	6,813	21st Jan.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay.
"KALYAN"	9,118	24th Jan.	Mars., London & Antwerp
"MOREA"	10,911	7th Feb.	Marseilles & London
"KASHGAR"	9,005	21st Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	7th Mar.	Marseilles & London
"KASHGAR"	9,005	21st Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MANTUA"	10,902	4th Apr.	Marseilles & London
"KARMALA"	9,088	18th Apr.	Mars., L'don. & A'werp
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	2nd May	Marseilles & London

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS

"TAKADA"	6,943	30th Oct.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TALMA"	10,000	12th Nov.	do.
"TILAWA"	10,000	27th Nov.	do.
"TAIBEA"	8,500	7th Dec.	do.
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"TALMA"	10,000	24th Oct.	Moji & Kobe
"KARMALA"	9,088	1st Nov.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"EASTERN"	4,000	1st Nov.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"SARDINIA"	6,884	1st Nov.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"TILAWA"	10,000	8th Nov.	Moji & Kobe
"MANTUA"	10,902	16th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"TAIBEA"	8,500	18th Nov.	Kobe
"KHIVA"	9,135	29th Nov.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"SOUDAN"	6,886	29th Nov.	do.
"TAKLIWA"	8,500	2nd Dec.	Kobe only.
"AKAFURA"	9,000	6th Dec.	Moji & Kobe
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"TAKADA"	6,943	15th Dec.	Moji & Kobe
"ALBAN"	9,118	27th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"SICILIA"	6,813	27th Dec.	do.

1925

"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	3rd Jan.	Moji & Kobe
"MOREA"	10,911	10th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"KASHGAR"	9,005	31st Jan.	do.
"MALWA"	10,941	7th Feb.	do.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	21st Feb.	do.
"MANTUA"	10,902	7th Mar.	do.
"KARMALA"	9,088	21st Mar.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	3rd Apr.	do.
"KHIVA"	9,135	17th Apr.	do.
"MOREA"	10,911	1st May	do.
"KALYAN"	9,118	15th May	do.

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Ports	Steamers	Date of Departure
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LIANGCHOW"	On 18th Oct. Noon.
HOIHOW & BANGKOK	"CHEENAN"	On 18th Oct. 10 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SOOCHOW"	On 19th Oct. 2.30 p.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KUNGHOW"	On 20th Oct. 4 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SHANTUNG"	On 21st Oct. Noon.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGTUNG"	On 21st Oct. Noon.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SUIYANG"	On 23rd Oct. 2.30 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"LUOHOW"	On 23rd Oct. Noon.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KIANGSU"	On 26th Oct. Noon.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KAYING"	On 26th Oct. Noon.
WAIHAIWAI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"NANNING"	On 28th Oct. 4 p.m.
HOIHOW & SINGAPORE	"CHINHUA"	On 30th Oct. 10 a.m.

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ON LONDON.—		
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Bank Bills, on demand ...	2/5 7/16	
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight ...		
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight ...	2/53	
Credits, at 4 months' sight ...	2/52	
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight ...	2/50 1/2	
ON PARIS.—		
Bank Bills, on demand ...	1,055	
Credits, 4 months' sight ...	1,135	
ON NEW YORK.—		
Bank Bills, on demand ...	54 1/2	
Credits, at 30 days' sight ...	56 1/2	
ON BOMBAY.—		
Telegraphic Transfer ...		
Bank Bills, on demand ...	163	
ON CALCUTTA.—		
Telegraphic Transfer ...		
Bank Bills, on demand ...	163	
ON SHANGHAI.—		
Bank Bills, at sight ...		
Private, 30 days' sight ...	nom.	
ON YOKOHAMA.—On demand ...	142	
ON MANILA.—On demand ...	109 1/2	
ON SINGAPORE.—On demand ...	104 1/2	
ON BATAVIA.—On demand ...	143 1/2	
ON AMPHONG.—On demand ...	nom.	
ON SAMSAT.—On demand ...	nom.	
ON BANGKOK.—On demand ...	75 1/2	
SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying Rate ...	7/9 1/2	
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael ...	47/2 1/2	
RAW SILVER, per oz ...	25 9/16	

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KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, March 15th, 1924. 184

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T. NISHIYAMA, Manager.
Hongkong, 24th July, 1924. [39]

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Hongkong, September 8th, 1921. 108

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